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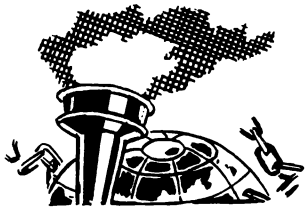

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Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung Reelected DPRK President

At the First Session of the Seventh Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected DPRK President on April 5—the great leader who founded the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea, a Juche-type revolutionary party, and the DPRK, a genuine worker-peasant state, and has been leading our revolution along the road to shining victory.

The Session reelected him DPRK President in accordance with the unanimous will and desire of the entire Korean people and solemnly announced this historic, great jubilee to the nation and to the world.

His reelection as President is the great joy of the whole Party, the whole country and the entire people and the honour and happiness of our nation.

The historic moment when the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected President, all the deputies and observers raised the stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" with unbounded emotion and joy.

The reelection of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as DPRK President is a manifestation of the entire Korean people's absolute trust in and infinite reverence for him. He has ushered in a new era, the era of independence, under the banner of the great Juche idea and led the revolutionary cause of Juche along the road replete with victory, overcoming manifold difficulties and ordeals for over half a century, to bring about national and class liberation and build in this land a powerful socialist state, politically independent, economically self-supporting and self-reliant in national defence, and raised the dignity of our nation and the position of our country boundlessly. It is an expression of the unshakable will of our Party and people to fully realize the cause of socialism and communism.

All the assemblage were afire with a desire to fight on staunchly for the historic cause of national reunification and the final victory of the cause of revolution under the well-advised guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

KIM IL SUNG

For the Strengthening of Cooperation between the Non-Aligned Countries in News Service

Speech at the Banquet Held in Honour of the Delegates to the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries

(May 13, 1982)

Esteemed delegates,
Comrades and friends,

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries which has been opened amidst the great expectation and interest of the progressive peoples and journalists of the world, is carrying on its work successfully thanks to the sincere efforts of you delegates.

Our people are highly pleased that their country has become the venue of the meeting which is of great importance in developing the non-aligned movement.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the representatives of various countries' news agencies and the international organizations who are devoted to news activities aimed at developing the non-aligned movement and promoting the common cause of progressive humanity, and wholeheartedly congratulate you on the success of the meeting.

The seventh meeting has exchanged the successes and experiences gained so far by the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries in its news service and earnestly discussed the measures and ways for furthering the cooperation and interchange between national news agencies. Thus, it will mark an epoch in the struggle for further enhancing the role of the Pool and establishing a new international order in news service.

The role of the news service is really great in the struggle for the building of a new society.

News services are the ears and eyes of society and spokesmen of the public opinion. Progressive news services defend and propagandize progressive thoughts, thus enlightening the popular masses and inspiring them to a struggle for the building of a new society.

That the non-aligned countries carry on news activities briskly through the medium of their national news agencies and develop cooperation and exchange in the news service, is of truly great significance in achieving the cause of independence against imperialism.

The Non-Aligned News Pool was founded in 1976 as an expression of the new trend of the non-aligned movement and in keeping with the urgent demand of information service of the non-aligned countries. This meant a new type of cooperative news service system in the hands of these countries, which champions and speaks for the interests and aspirations of the people.

In the short period of several years since its

establishment, the News Pool has developed into an authoritative press organization with its affiliated news agencies of more than 80 countries. It has daily growing influence on the international scene.

By working actively in accordance with the idea of the non-aligned movement, it has powerfully inspired the people around the world in their just cause of building an independent, prosperous new society in opposition to all sorts of domination and subjugation, and has greatly contributed to the development of the non-aligned movement. Through its positive information service it has patently proved its vitality and secured its place as a press force advocating the newly-emerging forces in the international news service system.

This Pool and the news agencies of non-aligned nations have given a great deal of support and encouragement to our people in their just revolutionary cause by widely disseminating the news of our people's struggle for socialist construction and independent, peaceful reunification of their country.

I would like to extend warm thanks to the news agencies of non-aligned countries and to their Pool that have greatly encouraged our people's revolutionary struggle through their vigorous news activities.

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries has been called at a momentous juncture when the need has arisen to strengthen the non-aligned movement.

The present international situation is very complex and strained. Scared at the ever-mounting revolutionary struggle of the people for independence against imperialism, the imperialists are making desperate efforts to maintain and expand their supremacy. Going against the trend of the time, they incessantly perpetrate aggression and provocations against the countries of the newly-emerging forces and repress by force of arms the oppressed peoples who have risen in a righteous liberation struggle.

Having openly declared the "policy of strength", the US imperialists are now working for its realization. They are striving to build up the military blocs and alliances they have already rigged up and, meanwhile, are running wild to form new military blocs in Asia, the Pacific area and many other parts of the world. In particular, they are craftily manoeuvring to sever and sow discord among the non-aligned countries and wipe out the anti-imperialist, independent forces.

Owing to the machinations of the US and other imperialists for aggression and war, the international tension is aggravated and the danger of a new world war is daily growing.

The prevailing situation demands that the people of the world struggle more energetically against the imperialist schemes for aggression and war and for making the whole world independent.

Only when the whole world is independent, will it be possible to prevent a new world war, maintain a lasting peace in the world and achieve complete independence and prosperity for all countries and peoples.

In order to make the whole world independent, the non-aligned movement must be expanded and developed still further.

The non-alignment is a progressive movement which embodies in it the lofty idea of independence against imperialism; it is a mighty revolutionary force of our time which is confronted with imperialism. The non-aligned countries are advancing independently without joining any bloc, and the non-aligned movement is an independent political force of the countries which are outside the blocs. Today this movement is dealing a heavy blow at the imperialists in their moves for aggression and war, precipitating their decline and disintegration and is exerting a serious influence on the international developments and the revolutionary changes in the world. The expansion and development of this movement will provide a sure guarantee for checking and frustrating the imperialists' manoeuvres of aggression and war and for putting the whole world on an independent basis.

In expanding and advancing the non-aligned movement, it is very important to enhance the role of the Non-Aligned News Pool.

News services of non-aligned countries are a powerful weapon in the struggle to expand and

advance the non-aligned movement. Only when the role of the Pool is enhanced to carry on the news activities vigorously, will it be possible to expose and thwart the imperialists' moves for aggression and war promptly and encourage forcefully the peoples of newly-emerging countries in their struggle to build a new society. Increasing the role of the Pool is all the more urgent today in view of the fact that the imperialists are intensifying more than ever before their reactionary ideological offensive against the peoples of newly-emerging countries and that the non-aligned nations are confronted with the difficult yet important revolutionary task of building a new society.

All non-aligned countries should join efforts to enhance the Pool's role and thus steadily expand and develop the non-aligned movement, brushing aside every obstacle and obstructionist move.

The Pool should strictly adhere to the anti-imperialist stand in its information service and concentrate its pen on the struggle against imperialism.

The Pool should wield its caustic pen to expose nakedly the imperialists' aggressive nature and crafty moves for aggression.

Aggression and plunder emanate from the inherent nature of imperialism, and war is the means of its existence. By mercilessly exposing and denouncing imperialism's aggressive nature and crafty moves for aggression, the news services of the non-aligned countries will prevent the people from harbouring any illusion about imperialism and mould widespread public opinion against the imperialists in every part of the world.

The Pool should strive to put an end to the imperialists' monopoly and arbitrariness in the field of news service and to establish a new international order of news activities.

At present the imperialists use large news agencies to hold a monopolistic position and act arbitrarily in the field of news service. The kept news services of the imperialists are stifling the righteous voices of the people and make false propaganda which bends the truth. They persist in the dissemination of corrupt reactionary ideas which poison the sound minds of people. Unless the imperialists' monopoly and arbitrariness in the news service are done away with, we can neither develop the non-aligned movement nor achieve the cause of independence for the whole world.

The Pool should vigorously conduct revolutionary news activities and thus thoroughly expose and shatter the imperialists' slanders and their false, reactionary propaganda about the non-aligned movement and the revolutionary struggle of the people. When all the news agencies of the non-aligned countries resolutely combat the reactionary news services of the imperialists, it will be possible to destroy the old, anachronistic international order of news service and establish a new one which represents the interests of the peoples of the newly-emerging forces.

The Pool should actively contribute to the revolutionary cause of the peoples for Chajusong (independence—Tr.) through its news activities.

It is an important mission of the Pool to enhance the people's spirit of national independence, increase their political consciousness and rouse them to the struggle to build an independent new world.

The Pool should give publicity to the brilliant successes achieved by the newly-emerging nations in the struggle to build a prosperous new society under the anti-imperialist, independent banner as well as the vivid pictures of the non-aligned countries which are developing with each passing day. In this way broad masses of the people will turn out vigorously in the worthwhile struggle to build a new world, convinced of the validity of the cause of independence and a bright future. It should widely propagate the aim and idea of the non-aligned movement, and zealously collect and disseminate information which is helpful to the unity of the newly-emerging countries and to the expansion and development of the non-aligned movement.

The News Pool should efficiently disseminate information beneficial to economic and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries. Every non-aligned country has one or more good things in this regard. If they exchange them with one another, it will be of great significance in building a new society. The news services of the non-aligned countries should ensure economic and technical

exchanges among these nations, and thus actively help towards the building of their independent national economies.

Success in the news activities is guaranteed by a high level of ideological content, accuracy and promptness of information. The Pool should fully express the aspirations and requirements of the popular masses in its information service, and timely disseminate objective and truthful information. The news services of the non-aligned countries should correctly analyse and judge important international events and the trend of developments and report them at opportune moments and thus play the role of leading and organizing public opinion along the right track.

The Pool should make energetic efforts to develop exchanges and cooperation between the news agencies of the non-aligned countries.

Only when they strengthen exchanges and cooperation in information service, can the non-aligned countries increase the effectiveness of this Pool and attain the unity and solidarity of the non-aligned movement with greater success.

The worldwide dissemination and propaganda of the information of the peoples of newly-emerging countries who are building a new society constitutes a great support and inspiration to their struggle. The news agencies of the non-aligned countries should briskly exchange information with one another and direct much effort to reporting the news of the struggle of other peoples.

In order to develop interchanges and cooperation among the non-aligned countries in their information service, it is necessary to form an integrated news service network by linking the national news agencies of each country. When they are integrated into an organized system, these news agencies can handle information more accurately, disseminate it throughout the world more quickly and prevent distorted imperialist propaganda. We deem it a rational means of forming such an integrated news service network to strengthen the existing regional redistribution centres in different continents and induce them to play the role as the branch offices of the Pool.

The non-aligned nations should strengthen their own news agencies, and also zealously help their fellow nations in developing their news agencies in the collective spirit of cooperation. Among these nations are those with up-to-date news agencies, those with excellent journalist training institutions, and those with valuable experience in information service. If they develop exchange and cooperation on the principle of mutual accommodation, they will be able to solve successfully all problems arising in furnishing their news agencies with equipment, in the training of journalists and all other work of building up news agencies.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which regards it as its sacred international duty to endeavour to expand and develop the non-aligned movement, is also keenly interested in strengthening the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries. The Government of the Republic will strive to develop this Pool and provide every condition so that the Korean Central News Agency can fulfil its duty with credit.

Under the banner of independence, friendship and peace, the DPRK Government will vigorously struggle to develop friendly and cooperative relations with the peoples of the non-aligned countries and all the progressive people of the world and to build an independent and peaceful new world which is free from all manner of domination and subjugation.

I am confident that, through your strenuous efforts, a new success will be made in the information service of the Pool and in expanding and developing the non-aligned movement.

Hoping that the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries will proceed successfully and bear a fine fruit, I propose a toast:

to the development of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries,

to the friendship and solidarity among the peoples of all the newly-emerging countries of the world,

to the health of delegates from the news agencies of many countries and the representatives of international organizations to the meeting, and

to the health of the comrades and friends present here.

KIM IL SUNG

Answers to Questions Raised by Yugoslav News Agency *Tanjug* Delegation

(December 18, 1981)

I received your questionnaire. You raised a series of problems in a comprehensive way. Now I am going to make answers to some cardinal points.

I would like first to mention the achievements made by our people this year in socialist construction and the perspective tasks to be carried out in the future.

The current year is a year of great importance in the building of socialism in our country. The success in the general forward movement for implementing the decision of the historic Sixth Congress of our Party depends largely on how to wage the battle for this year, the first year of the movement.

This year we have won a brilliant victory in socialist construction by conducting the first operation well in this onward movement and thus made full preparations for achieving ahead of schedule the magnificent objectives of socialist construction set forth by the Sixth Party Congress.

This year our people have registered great successes in all spheres of politics, economy and culture by carrying out vigorously the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, holding aloft the banner of the Juche idea.

In accordance with the Party's policy of giving precedence to the ideological revolution, this revolution has been pushed forward energetically, with the result that the mental and moral qualities of our working people have become still better. Today, all of our working people, firmly armed with our Party's revolutionary idea, the Juche idea, are working hard with a high degree of revolutionary enthusiasm and creative initiative to carry through the lines and policies laid down by the Party. The entire people are rallied closely around the Party with one mind and one will, and the whole society is firmly united politically and ideologically. No force on earth can break the political and ideological unity of our society based on the Juche idea.

Big progress has also been made this year in

socialist economic construction. Thanks to the heightened revolutionary zeal and vigorous labour endeavours of our working people, a large number of giant monumental structures have sprung up and a great productive upswing has been brought about in all fields of the national economy, thereby further consolidating the economic foundations of the country and rapidly increasing the industrial and agricultural production.

This year, in the domain of socialist cultural construction, public education has developed further, the general cultural and technical standards of the working people have risen markedly and excellent literary and art works have been produced in plenty. Specifically, our scientists and technicians have energetically conducted scientific researches from the steadfast standpoint of Juche and thus succeeded in many scientific and technical inventions which acquire an important significance in the development of the national economy.

All these successes scored by our people in socialist construction this year constitute a sure guarantee for a faster advance and for a yet greater victory.

On the basis of these achievements our people will add spurs to the general forward movement for fulfilling the grand tasks of socialist construction set forth by the Sixth Party Congress.

The Sixth Congress of our Party presented the historic task of modelling the whole of society on the Juche idea.

Patterning the whole society after the Juche idea means making all its members communist men of a Juche type and transforming all aspects of social life as required by the Juche idea and thereby completely realizing the independence of the working masses.

It calls for revolutionizing, working-classizing and intellectualizing all members of society. Only when we train them to be communist men developed in an all-round way with revolutionary ideological consciousness and high cultural standard through a powerful struggle for the revolutionization, working-classization and intellectualization of the whole society, can we capture the ideological fortress of communism and realize the complete social equality of the working people.

It also presupposes making the national economy Juche-oriented, modernized and scientifically-based. Only when we guarantee the independent character of the national economy firmly, improve its technical equipment steadily and place production and management on a new scientific basis through the promotion of Juche-orientation, modernization and scientization of the national economy, can we lay solid material and technical foundations of socialism and communism and provide the working people adequately with an independent material and cultural life.

The Sixth Congress of our Party put forward the ten long-term objectives of socialist economic construction in the 1980's in order to accelerate the modelling of the whole society on the Juche idea. The goals are to produce annually in the near future 100,000 million kwh of electricity, 120 million tons of coal, 15 million tons of steel, 1.5 million tons of nonferrous metals, 20 million tons of cement, 7 million tons of chemical fertilizers, 1,500 million metres of fabrics, 5 million tons of sea foods, and 15 million tons of grain and reclaim 300,000 *chongbo* of tideland within the next ten years. If they are attained, our country will rank among the nations leading the world in economic progress and lay solid material and technical foundations to guarantee firmly the complete triumph of socialism, and the material and cultural standards of our people will rise very high.

At present, all our working people, with a great hope of the future and firm confidence in victory, are striving to carry out these magnificent long-term tasks.

Judging from the high revolutionary enthusiasm and soaring fighting spirit of our people, I believe that these tasks will be fulfilled ahead of the set time.

Now, I would like to dwell on the immediate tasks for the reunification of our country.

At the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea last year, we made a new proposal to reunify the country on the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity.

Our Party's new reunification proposal holds that the country should be reunified by founding a Confederal Republic through the establishment of a

unified national government on condition that the north and the south recognize and tolerate each other's ideas and social systems, a government in which the two sides are represented on an equal footing and under which they exercise regional autonomy respectively with equal rights and duties.

It is envisaged that the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo to be established by the coalition of the north and the south in accordance with our Party's new national reunification proposal will be a unified state representing the whole of the Korean nation and as such pursue an independent, democratic, neutral, non-aligned and peace-loving policy.

The programme for reunifying the country through the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo is winning full support and warm approval from all people in the north and south of our country and all overseas Koreans and evoking great sympathy among the people the world over.

If the country is to be reunified through the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo, the military fascist ruling system should first be liquidated and society made democratic in south Korea.

In south Korea today the most harsh and shameless military fascist rule unprecedented in history is in force. The present south Korean military fascist clique who seized power in a conspiratorial manner under the manipulation of the US imperialists are trampling upon even the people's elementary democratic freedoms and rights and openly slaughtering people by rigging up various fascist laws and mobilizing the colossal repressive machinery.

As long as the military fascist ruling system is kept intact, which brutally suppresses and murders the patriotic-minded people who demand democracy and national reunification in south Korea, it is impossible to bring about national reconciliation and unity and realize any proposals for the peaceful reunification of the country.

All fascist laws and repressive setups should be abolished in south Korea, free political activities guaranteed for political parties, social organizations and individual personages, the military fascists forced out of power, and a democratic government set up.

One of the important tasks for achieving national reunification through the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo is to ease the tension and dispel the danger of war in our country.

In our country huge armed forces of the north and the south now stand opposed to each other, with the Military Demarcation Line in between. Under the pretext of fictitious "threat of southward invasion", the south Korean military fascists are bringing in a large amount of up-to-date lethal weapons and modern military equipment from the United States and are staging boisterous war exercises with the American troops almost every day. Because of the manoeuvres carried on for a new war by the US imperialists and the south Korean military fascists, the situation in our country is now strained to the extreme, and there is the danger of war breaking out any minute. In these circumstances where the tension has been keyed up and the danger of war is hovering, the country cannot be reunified peacefully.

In order to relax the tension and remove the danger of war in our country, the Korean Military Armistice Agreement must be replaced with a peace agreement.

Since a long time ago we have time and again proposed to the United States, a signatory to the Korean Military Armistice Agreement, to replace the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement. But the US authorities have not yet accepted our reasonable proposal. Keeping south Korea under their occupation, they are further increasing their military support to the south Korean military fascists.

If the US authorities have the least interest in peace in Korea and the peaceful solution of the Korean question, they should accept our just proposal on concluding a peace agreement and withdraw their troops from south Korea as early as possible.

For the independent and peaceful reunification of our country it is necessary to check the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and their

machinations to interfere in our internal affairs.

The US imperialists have put it forward as the basic strategy of their policy towards Korea to create "two Koreas" and are resorting to every possible means to realize it. They are instigating the south Korean puppet clique to national division and north-south confrontation and actively patronizing them. This is the main obstacle to our country's independent and peaceful reunification.

The United States should no longer pursue its "two Koreas" policy which runs counter to the desire of the entire Korean people and the trend of the times; it should refrain from backing the south Korean military fascist clique who stifle democracy and savagely repress the people and should give up all its interference in the domestic affairs of Korea.

If the United States takes its hands off south Korea and desists from obstructing Korea's reunification, our nation will set up the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo and reunify the country peacefully with concerted efforts.

In order to reunify the country through the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo, it is essential to achieve a great unity of the entire nation.

The proposal on the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo is designed to attain national reunification. Accordingly, it presupposes a great unity of the entire nation. National reunification is inconceivable apart from the cooperation and unity of the nation, and the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo cannot be set up without great national unity. All the Koreans in the north, the south and abroad should firmly unite under the banner of national reunification transcending the differences in ideology and social system, party affiliation and political views, and should actively come out in the formation of a great national united front.

With a view to realizing the proposal on setting up the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo as early as possible, the political parties and social organizations in the northern half of the Republic jointly proposed last August to convene a Conference for the Promotion of the National Reunification with the participation of representatives of various parties and groups and personages of all strata in the north, the south and abroad, who aspire after the country's reunification. The publication of this proposal was warmly supported by broad segments of our compatriots at home and abroad. The Conference for the Promotion of the National Reunification, when convened, will sincerely discuss and solve various problems related to national reunification including the question of establishing the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

There are still various hurdles in the way of national reunification owing to the obstructionist moves of the US imperialists and their stooges. However, our country will surely be reunified thanks to the vigorous struggle of the entire Korean people and the positive support and encouragement of the progressive people the world over.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I express my deep gratitude to the Yugoslav League of Communists and the Government and people of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for their active support and encouragement to our people's cause of national reunification.

Now let me speak on the need to strengthen and develop the non-aligned movement.

The non-aligned movement is a progressive one that opposes all manner of domination and subjugation and strives for independence; it is a powerful revolutionary force of our times that stands in confrontation with imperialism. As the non-aligned movement appeared on the arena of history as an independent political force and developed to be an extensive international movement, the anti-imperialist independent forces have been strengthened decisively and the imperialist reactionary forces extremely weakened.

Today the non-aligned movement is playing a great role in the development of the world situation and in the solution of international problems. Thanks to the united struggle of the non-aligned countries, various international issues are being settled fairly in conformity with the demand and interests of the peoples of the new-emerging forces, and the old orders whereby great powers indulged in arbitrariness and controlled everything are gradu-

ally crumbling in the international arena. The non-aligned movement is greatly contributing to defending the sovereignty of the peoples of the new-emerging forces against all sorts of domination and interference, subjugation and inequality and to safeguarding world peace and security against the aggression and war policy of the imperialists.

Now that the non-aligned movement has been expanded and developed into a worldwide movement and its influence is growing as the days go by, the imperialists persist in their manoeuvres to divide and wreck the movement and to draw its member states under their domination.

The imperialist moves to disrupt, alienate and win over new-emerging countries have caused many complex problems within this movement, so that it undergoes some trying ordeals.

At present, the non-aligned countries are confronted with a weighty task of smashing the crafty attempts of the imperialists for division, alienation and scramble and of further strengthening the non-aligned movement.

The strengthening and development of the non-aligned movement require the unity of its member nations.

Unity is the life and soul of the non-aligned movement and the source of its strength. Unity is inseparable from the non-aligned movement, and without achieving unity it cannot be strengthened and developed. Only through the unity of its member states can it become a powerful force vigorously advancing the history of mankind and put into effect its lofty aim and ideal.

What is most important in bringing about the unity of the non-aligned movement is that all its member states maintain independence firmly.

Maintenance of independence is the fundamental ideal and the basis of unity for the non-aligned movement. Only when all its member nations hold fast to independence, can this movement achieve unity, and unity based on independence alone can be a solid, genuine unity.

The non-aligned countries should adhere firmly to an independent stand and resolutely reject all sorts of foreign interference. And they should not follow other countries blindly or act as their agents. They should respect the independence of other countries. They should neither meddle in others' internal affairs nor take issue with them over their matters.

The non-aligned countries should strictly observe the fundamental principles of the non-aligned movement and preserve its peculiarities properly. They should not follow any bloc or be dragged into it. And they should refrain from drawing outside forces into the non-aligned movement or leading it to a bloc.

All the non-aligned countries should place unity above anything else and make active efforts to consolidate the unity of the movement. They should under no circumstances do anything detrimental to the unity of this movement but should do what is helpful to the unity.

Non-aligned nations should settle differences and disputes between individual countries on the principle of unity. They should not be at feud with each other, fooled by the imperialist tricks to play off one nation against another; differences and disputes between individual countries should be settled by means of negotiations between the parties concerned in the national interests of both sides and to the benefit of the non-alignment as a whole. This is the way to strike at the imperialists who try to create bad blood among the new-emerging nations and fish in troubled waters, the way to overcome successfully various obstacles lying ahead of the non-alignment, and to strengthen the unity of this movement.

Non-aligned countries should not only firmly unite with each other politically, but closely cooperate economically and technically.

Among the non-aligned nations, the developing countries, are those with valuable experience and advanced technology achieved in the course of creating a new life, and those with a wealth of resources and funds. If they strengthen economic and technical cooperation and exchange on the principle of mutual accommodation, the new-emerging nations will be able to resolve successfully the food problem and other difficult and complex questions cropping up in building a new society, without asking for help from big powers. Firmly maintaining the principle of self-reliance, the non-

aligned nations should actively engage in interchanges and closely cooperate with each other, those with technology contributing technology, those with resources contributing resources, and those with funds contributing funds.

At present, the non-aligned nations, the developing countries, have set up many organizations for economic and technical cooperation and are enhancing their roles. They hold international meetings to develop science, education, culture and technology and take practical measures. We consider this excellent.

If they take joint steps in solid political unity and close economic and technical cooperation under the banner of independence against imperialism, the non-aligned countries will be able to consolidate and advance the non-alignment quickly and fulfil with credit their noble mission entrusted by human history and the new-emerging peoples.

Yugoslavia is a long-standing member nation of the non-alignment. Twenty years ago, when the world was divided in blocs and the spheres of influence and when the danger of another world war was growing, heads of state from many countries including Yugoslavia met in Belgrade with noble ideas of freedom and equality, peace and progress, and put up the banner of non-alignment.

I would like to appraise highly the great contribution made by Comrade Tito, the outstanding leader of the Yugoslav people in the foundation, consolidation and development of the non-alignment.

It is not long since our country became a member of the non-alignment. But ever since we joined the ranks of this movement, we have made every possible effort to strengthen and develop this movement. As it has done in the past, so in the future too, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will adhere to the principles and idea of the non-alignment and strive to strengthen and develop this movement.

Next, I am going to talk about the general international situation and the questions of defending world peace and security at present.

Today, the international situation on the whole is very complex and tense.

A fierce struggle is now going on between the anti-imperialist forces of independence and the forces of domination on the international scene. The peoples' revolutionary struggle for independence against imperialism is growing stronger day by day, whereas the great powers' moves for aggression and scramble to keep and expand their domination are becoming more undisguised.

Alarmed at the intensifying revolutionary struggle of the progressive people of the world, the imperialists are making desperate efforts to maintain and expand their domination.

The imperialists are resorting to ceaseless armed intervention, subversion and destructive moves to stamp out the peoples' struggle for national independence and a new society. They are intensifying the scramble to put newly-independent countries under their domination. In particular, they are beefing up armed forces of aggression on a large scale and continuously increasing military bases for aggression in major zones of resources and strategic areas and slyly manoeuvring to establish political, economic and military control over the countries in these regions.

On account of the imperialist moves for aggression and war, the international situation is extremely tense, and the danger of a new world war is growing with every passing day. At present, the danger of another world war is hovering over Korea, the Middle East, and also Europe.

All the peace-loving people of the world should launch an active struggle to frustrate the daily stepped-up imperialist policy of aggression and war and to defend world peace and security. Today, no task is more urgent for the peace-loving, progressive people of the world than to prevent a new world war.

Prevention of a new world war and defence of world peace and security demand that all anti-imperialist, independent forces conduct an energetic peace movement in firm unity.

The progressive people of the world who love peace should resolutely protest against and denounce the imperialists' machinations for aggression and war and deal a heavy blow to imperialism everywhere it stretches out its tentacles of aggression. Further, the progressive countries of the world

should not follow the imperialist policy of aggression and war but should firmly maintain independence. This will decisively weaken the imperialist forces of aggression and further isolate them internationally, thus making them impotent and rendering it impossible for them to unleash a new world war at will.

In order to safeguard world peace and security, military buildup and arms drive should be discontinued and complete disarmament achieved.

The imperialists' military buildup and armament expansion that become more undisguised with each passing day strain the international situation still more and cause deep apprehensions to the peace-loving people of the world. All the progressive people should strive to check and frustrate the imperialists' military buildup and armament expansion and to bring about complete disarmament.

To dissolve all military blocs is important in defending world peace and security.

Military blocs are a permanent factor threatening world peace and security. The peace-loving people of the world should strive to dissolve all military blocs including the aggressive ones of the imperialists.

While military blocs are dissolved, the aggressive military bases in other countries should be dismantled and foreign troops withdrawn. We strongly demand that all foreign military bases in south Korea and in many other parts of the world be removed and that all aggressive troops be withdrawn unconditionally.

In order to defend world peace and security, a stout struggle should be waged to create nuclear-free, peace zones in various areas of the world.

Nuclear weapons that could spell disasters for mankind are now being stockpiled in many parts of the world, and they are gradually propagated to wider areas. To prevent a new world war and save mankind from the horrors of nuclear war, the testing, manufacture, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons should be banned throughout the world and they should all be scrapped. A vigorous struggle is going on in many European countries and many other parts of the world to check the manufacture of neutron weapons and to create nuclear-free, peace zones. This is very gratifying.

We will strive to turn the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free, peace zone and actively support the struggle of the peace-loving people of the world to create such zones in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

The Korean people ardently love peace. It is the consistent policy of our Party and the Government of the Republic to fight for a lasting peace and security of the world. As in the past, so in the future, our Party and the Government of the Republic will closely unite with the peoples of all progressive countries of the world including the socialist and non-aligned countries and strive to check and frustrate the imperialist policy of aggression and war and safeguard world peace and security.

President Kim Il Sung's Letter of Solidarity to Chief of Council of Government of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua

Managua

H.E. Daniel Ortega Saavedra, Chief of the Council of the Government of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua,

I received your letter sent through the Chairman of the Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries in connection with the critical situation caused by the US imperialists' intensified manoeuvres of military aggression against Nicaragua and other Central American countries these days.

We could clearly realize through your letter the criminal nature of the US imperialists' armed interventionist manoeuvres committed in Nicaragua and its neighbourhood.

We are indignant once again at their ceaseless manoeuvres of aggression and war in many parts of the world.

The acts of military provocation the US imperialists are perpetrating against Nicarauga and other Central American countries are not only an outrageous infringement upon the sovereignty and independence of Nicaragua but also a grave threat to world peace and security.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people vehemently denounce the new military aggressive manoeuvres of the United States against Nicaragua and strongly hold that the United Nations should take decisive steps to check the US imperialists' military interventionist manoeuvres, as demanded by the Nicaraguan Government.

Both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Nicaragua are member nations of the non-aligned movement and the peoples of the two countries are close comrades-in-arms advancing hand in hand on the same front of the common struggle against imperialism and for independence.

Our people will make all efforts to actively support the just struggle of the fraternal Nicaraguan people against all manner of domination and subjugation and for defending the country's sovereignty and the gains of the revolution and for building a new, prosperous society.

No matter how desperately the US imperialists may try, they can never block the road ahead of the people for freedom and liberation.

Today the Nicaraguan people are enjoying the unanimous support of the peoples of the non-aligned countries and other peace-loving people of the world.

Convinced that the Nicaraguan people, closely rallied around the Sandinist National Liberation Front, will thwart and frustrate the new military aggressive manoeuvres of the US imperialists and certainly win victory in the heroic struggle to defend independence and sovereignty of Nicaragua with honour, I express firm militant solidarity with you.

Kim Il Sung
President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang March 30, 1982

Decree of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK

on Conferment of the Title of Hero of the DPRK on Comrade Kim Il Sung,

the Great Leader of Our Party and People

The respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a national hero and great revolutionary guider. He led the arduous Korean revolution along the road to victory, thereby delivering our nation out of an urgent crisis, bringing about national prosperity and progress and performing immortal exploits which will shine for ever in the history of the country.

The 50 and more years in which the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has guided the Korean revolution shouldering the destiny of the country and the nation, is a glorious history of his most devoted struggle for the liberation and prosperity and development of the country and for the freedom and happiness of the people; and it is a great revolutionary history of everlasting contributions made to national and class liberation and the cause of socialism and communism under the banner of Juche.

With brilliant sagacity respected Comrade Kim Il Sung keenly grasped the revolutionary trend towards a new age and authored the great Juche idea, and thus opened a new road for the advancement of the Korean revolution on the basis of independence.

In his early years the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung forcefully roused the whole nation in the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle under the revolutionary banner of the Down-with-Imperialism Union, founded the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Army, the Korean people's revolutionary armed force, and organized and led the heroic armed struggle against Japan, so as to terminate the colonial rule of ferocious Japanese imperialism and achieved the historic cause of national liberation.

Even in the complicated and difficult situation after liberation where a fierce class struggle was on, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, basing himself on precious achievements and experience obtained amid the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, lost no time in founding the Workers' Party of Korea, a revolutionary Juche party, and strengthening and developing it to be a mighty vanguard of the revolution, established the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our people's genuine homeland, and developed our revolutionary armed forces into a modern regular army. The result is that our people were provided with invincible weapons for revolution and construction and that our country turned into a dignified, independent and sovereign country.

In the light of the complex situation of the national territory divided in two by US imperialism, the

respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the outstanding line of establishing a democratic base and led the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution to be carried through without delay, so as to turn the northern half of the Republic into a strong base of the Korean revolution.

In the grim days of the Fatherland Liberation War which would decide the destiny of the nation, the great leader took all the burdens of the front and the rear upon his shoulders and led our People's Army and people to victory through his seasoned, unexcelled leadership. As a result, he prevailed over the aggressors of US imperialism, the ringleader of world imperialism, which had attempted to force our people again into colonial slavery and staunchly safeguarded the country's independence and the nation's sovereignty. This opened up the decline of US imperialism and inspired the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle to a fresh upswing.

After the war, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung put forth a unique line of socialist revolution and splendidly accomplished the historic task of reforming the old production relations along socialist lines, so as to build the best socialist system in this land; he proposed a superb programme on socialist economic construction and powerfully accelerated rehabilitation, reconstruction, socialist industrialization and agricultural modernization. Accordingly, within a short period of time a socialist power was built on the sheer debris, which has strong independent heavy and light industries and developed agriculture. He advanced a Juche programme on education and culture and radically developed education, science, public health, culture and arts, so that our country, which had been far removed from modern civilization, was able to have a large army of our own cadres and enter a great period of efflorescence of socialist national culture.

Having fully clarified the revolutionary line and struggle policies to ensure complete independence for the working masses after the establishment of the socialist system, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung roused the whole Party and all the people to the fulfilment of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions and is pushing forward the cause of modelling the whole society on the Juche idea. As a result of the policy of three revolutions which have been carried out under his wise leadership, political and ideological unity between the Party and the people has been fortified, the material and technical foundations of socialism strengthened, and the cause of socialism and communism is successfully advancing towards completion.

With his noble popular character he has made tireless efforts for the sacred cause of realizing the people's desire in their interests, and developed our country into a people's paradise where everyone is happy, free from all worries, into a great revolutionary family, all members of which are closely united in one mind and purpose.

The respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward the reunification of the divided country as the foremost task, and has been making all his painstaking efforts to put an end to the tragic national division and pave the way to the bright future of reunified Korea.

Throughout his revolutionary activity, the great leader has directed serious attention to the cause of the international working class and to the oppressed nations' cause of liberation, given active support and encouragement to the peoples in their struggle to oppose imperialism and build an independent new world, and made immortal contributions to the cause of anti-imperialism and independence and to the development of the international revolutionary movement as a whole.

In the course of his leadership to the protracted revolutionary struggle of our people, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has developed and enriched the revolutionary ideology of the working class from a new angle, and performed extraordinary exploits and gained a great wealth of experience, which involve different stages and all spheres of revolution and construction, and thus provided a firm guarantee for the ultimate victory of our revolution.

As the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has led our revolution, our country which had once been erased from the world map, is now at its height of prosperity for the first time in its history of five thousand years, and a still brighter future awaits our

people.

The epochal changes and progress in our country and our people's boundless happiness and glory are the priceless fruits which are entirely due to the correct guidance and tireless efforts of the respected leader. On the strength of his unusual intelligence, superb leadership and great personality, he has guided our revolution from victory to victory, overcoming all trials and difficulties.

Indeed, beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great thinker and theoretician who has been clearly showing the road of independence and victory of the revolution. He is the preeminent strategist who has defeated two imperialisms within the time of one generation and opened up a new epoch of national-liberation revolution in colonies and of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle. He is the genius of revolution and construction who has triumphantly led all the revolutionary struggle of our people for independence, sovereignty, socialism and communism. As the great leader of people, he most excellently translates national desires and working people's ideals into reality.

For the tremendous achievements he has made on the road of a long-drawn-out revolutionary struggle, the beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has won unqualified trust and unbounded respect from the entire nation and is held in high esteem by the progressive people throughout the world.

Our people regard it as their greatest happiness and honour that they are under the leadership of beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung who, through profound ideological and theoretical efforts and great revolutionary practice, has pioneered a new era of modern history, and is leading the cause of socialism and communism and the cause of anti-imperialism and independence along the road of victory and glory.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, at the unanimous desire of the entire Korean people, decides on conferring the title of Hero of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea concurrently with a Gold Star Medal and the Order National Flag First Class on Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people, who, at the head of our revolution for more than fifty long years, has performed immortal, heroic services to the country and the nation and made immense contributions to the revolutionary cause of the working class.

The Central People's Committee,
The Democratic People's Republic
of Korea

Pyongyang

April 15, 1982

President Kim Il Sung Receives Foreign Heads of Party and State

In April President Kim Il Sung warmly received foreign Heads of Party and State who came to celebrate his 70th birthday.

On the 13th President Kim Il Sung went to the Pyongyang Airport and warmly received the Party and government delegation of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic headed by President Ahmed Sekou Toure. A ceremony took place at the airport to welcome the delegation.

That day President Kim Il Sung met President Sekou Toure. At the meeting President Sekou Toure warmly congratulated President Kim Il Sung on his 70th birthday.

On the 14th there were talks between the two Heads of State in Pyongyang.

That day President Sekou Toure presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

President Kim Il Sung gave banquet at the hall on the 14th to welcome the Party and government delegation of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic. At the banquet President Kim Il Sung made a speech. So did President Sekou Toure.

On the 13th President Kim Il Sung went to the Pyongyang Airport and warmly received the Party and government delegation of the Republic of Zambia headed by President Kenneth David Kaunda. A welcoming ceremony took place at the airport. That day President Kim Il Sung met President Kaunda. At the meeting President Kaunda warmly congratulated President Kim Il Sung on his 70th birthday.

On the 14th President Kim Il Sung received President Kaunda who paid a visit to congratulate him. He presented a basket of flowers to President Kim Il Sung in celebration of his 70th birthday.

On the 14th there were talks between the two Heads of State in Pyongyang.

That day President Kim Il Sung gave a banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall to welcome the Party and government delegation of the Republic of Zambia. The two Heads of State made speeches at the banquet.

On the 14th President Kaunda presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

On the 17th there were talks again between the two Heads of State in Pyongyang.

President Kim Il Sung called on President Kaunda at his quarters on the 17th. President Kaunda recited to President Kim Il Sung his poem "To Comrade Kim Il Sung, Lover of Mankind".

On the 13th President Kim Il Sung went to the Pyongyang Airport and cordially received the Party and government delegation of the People's Republic of Mozambique headed by President Samora Moises Machel. A welcoming ceremony took place at the airport.

On the 13th there were talks between President Kim Il Sung and President Machel in Pyongyang.

That day the latter presented a gift to the former at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall, where President

Kim Il Sung gave a banquet to welcome the delegation. At the banquet President Kim Il Sung made a speech, which was followed by President Machel's.

There were talks again between the two Heads of State on the 16th in Pyongyang.

That day President Kim Il Sung called on President Machel at his quarters.

On the 10th President Kim Il Sung went to the Pyongyang Airport and warmly received the Party and government delegation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau headed by Joao Bernardo Vieira, President of the Revolutionary Council. A welcoming ceremony was held at the airport.

That day there were talks between the two Presidents in Pyongyang.

President Kim Il Sung gave a banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall to welcome the delegation in the evening. The two Presidents delivered speeches.

That day President Vieira presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung at the hall.

On the 16th President Kim Il Sung met President Agatha Barbara of the Republic of Malta. At the meeting the Maltese President handed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter from Dominic Mintoff, Prime Minister of the Maltese Republic. The Maltese President presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

That day President Kim Il Sung gave a dinner in honour of President Barbara.

On the 16th President Kim Il Sung received President Canaan Banana of the Republic of Zimbabwe. President Banana handed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter from Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe of the Republic of Zimbabwe. President Banana presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung. That day President Kim Il Sung gave a luncheon in his honour.

On the 17th there were talks in Pyongyang between President Kim Il Sung and President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla of the Military Committee of National Salvation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. That day President Kim Il Sung gave a dinner at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honour of President Haidalla.

On the same day the latter presented a gift to the former.

On the 17th President Kim Il Sung received Rafael Cordova Rivas, head of the government delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua and Member of the Council of the Government of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua. Present there were members of the government delegation. Rafael Cordova Rivas conveyed to Comrade Kim Il Sung personal letters from Daniel Ortega Saavedra, Chief of the Council of the Government of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua, and Tomas Borge Martines, Minister of the Interior of the Government of National Reconstruction. He presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

That day President Kim Il Sung had breakfast with Rafael Cordova Rivas and his party.

On the 12th President Kim Il Sung received Mohamed Abdelaziz, Chairman of the Council of the Revolutionary Command of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. Chairman Abdelaziz warmly congratulated President Kim Il Sung on his 70th birthday. That day the former presented a gift to the latter at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

President Kim Il Sung Meets Foreign Delegations

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received in April foreign prime ministers, vice-presidents, special envoys of heads of state, party and government delegations and prominent personages who had been in Pyongyang to celebrate his 70th birthday.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on April 12 received a delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization headed by President Khalid Al Fahum of the Palestine National Council. The head of the delegation warmly congratulated President Kim Il Sung on his 70th birthday and conveyed to him a personal letter and gift of Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received the government delegation of the Republic of Uganda headed by Vice-President Paulo Muwanga. The head of the delegation handed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and a gift from President A. Milton Obote of the Republic of Uganda. That day he presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received Ayite Gachin Mivedor, Member of the Political Bureau, and Permanent Director, of the National Council of the Togolese People's Rally, who was a special envoy of the President of the Republic of Togo, and his party. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and a gift from Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 16th Nzon Domio Adokpe Lingo, President of the Legislative Council of Zaire and special envoy of the President of the Republic of Zaire. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a message from Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received Romain Vilon Guezo, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party of the People's Revolution of Benin and First Deputy President of the National Revolutionary Assembly and special envoy of the President of the People's Republic of Benin.The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter from Benin President Mathieu Kerekou.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th met Ramdulari Sinha, Minister of State for Industry and special envoy of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of the Republic of India, and her entourage. That day the special envoy presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th met Mamdouh Mohamed Salem, former Prime Minister and Assistant to the President, who was a special envoy of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and his party. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and present from Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received Nsekalige Aloys, Member of the Central Committee of the National Revolutionary Movement for Development of Rwanda and

Minister of Primary and Secondary Education and special envoy of the President of the Republic of Rwanda. The special envoy conveyed a letter from Rwandan President Habyarimana Juvenal to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received a delegation of the Indian National Congress Party of Indira Gandhi headed by Shanker Dayal Sharma, Member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the Party and Director of its Economic Planning Department. The head of delegation conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of the Republic of India. That day the delegation head presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 16th received Ellahi Puksh Soomro, Minister of Industries of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and a special envoy of the Pakistan President, and his party. The special envoy conveyed a personal letter and gift of President Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung met on the 16th Marut Bunnag, Deputy Leader of the Democratic Party and Minister of Justice of Thailand and a special envoy of Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, and his party. On the occasion the special envoy conveyed a personal letter and present from Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda to President Kim Il Sung. That day he presented a gift to the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 16th a delegation of the National Party of Thailand headed by Banharn Silapa-Archa, Secretary of the Party.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th the government delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania headed by Prime Minister B. David Msuya. On the occasion the head of the delegation conveyed to the great leader President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from President Julius K. Nyerere of the URT.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th Hussein Kulmie Afrah, Vice-President of the Somali Democratic Republic and special envoy of the Somali President, and his entourage. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from Mohamed Siad Barre, President of the SDR.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th the Party and government delegation of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana headed by Second Vice-President Shiv S. Naraine of the CRG. On the occasion the head of delegation conveyed a personal letter and gift from President Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham of the CRG to President Kim Il Sung. That day the delegation presented the great leader President Kim Il Sung with a gift.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th Fructuoso Mba Onana, General Inspector of the Armed Forces and special envoy of Chairman of the Supreme Military Council of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, and his party. On the occasion the special envoy presented to the great leader President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift of Chairman Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th Jean Ganga Zandzou, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party and Chairman of the National Assembly, who was the special envoy of the President of the People's Republic of the Congo, and his party. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter from Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the People's Republic of the Congo.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung received on the 17th the special envoy of the President of the Republic of Burundi Niyungeko Antoine, Member of the Political Bureau of the

Central Committee of the Burundi Party of National Unity and Progress and Minister in Charge of Business of the Presidential Office, and his party. The special envoy handed the personal letter of Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, President of the Republic of Burundi, to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 18th received Tilahy Robert, President of the Higher Court of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, special envoy of the Malagasy President, and his party. The special envoy conveyed a gift to President Kim Il Sung from President Didier Ratsiraka.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 18th received F. Ato Austin, Secretary for Information of the Provisional National Defence Council and special envoy of the Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council of the Republic of Ghana, and his entourage.

The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from PNDC Chairman J. J. Rawlings of the Republic of Ghana.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 18th met Manuel Bernardo De Sousa, First Secretary of the People's Assembly of the People's Republic of Angola and special envoy of the Angolan President, and his party. The special envoy conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 19th received the government delegation of the Republic of Upper Volta headed by Minister of National Education and Culture Albert Patoin Quedraogo of the Republic of Upper Volta.

The head of the delegation conveyed to President Kim Il Sung a personal letter and gift from Chairman Saye Zerbo of the Military Committee of Redressment for National Progress of the Republic of Upper Volta.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 26th met the delegation of the General People's Congress of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya headed by Muhammad Al-Zarouk Rajab, Secretary of the Congress. The delegation presented a basket of flowers to President Kim Il Sung in honour of his 70th birthday. The head of the delegation presented a gift to President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung on the 26th met T.B. Mukherjee, Director of the Board of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and President of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea. The guest recited his poem "Long Life and Good Health to the Respected Leader" before President Kim Il Sung and presented a gift to him. President Kim Il Sung gave a luncheon in his honour.

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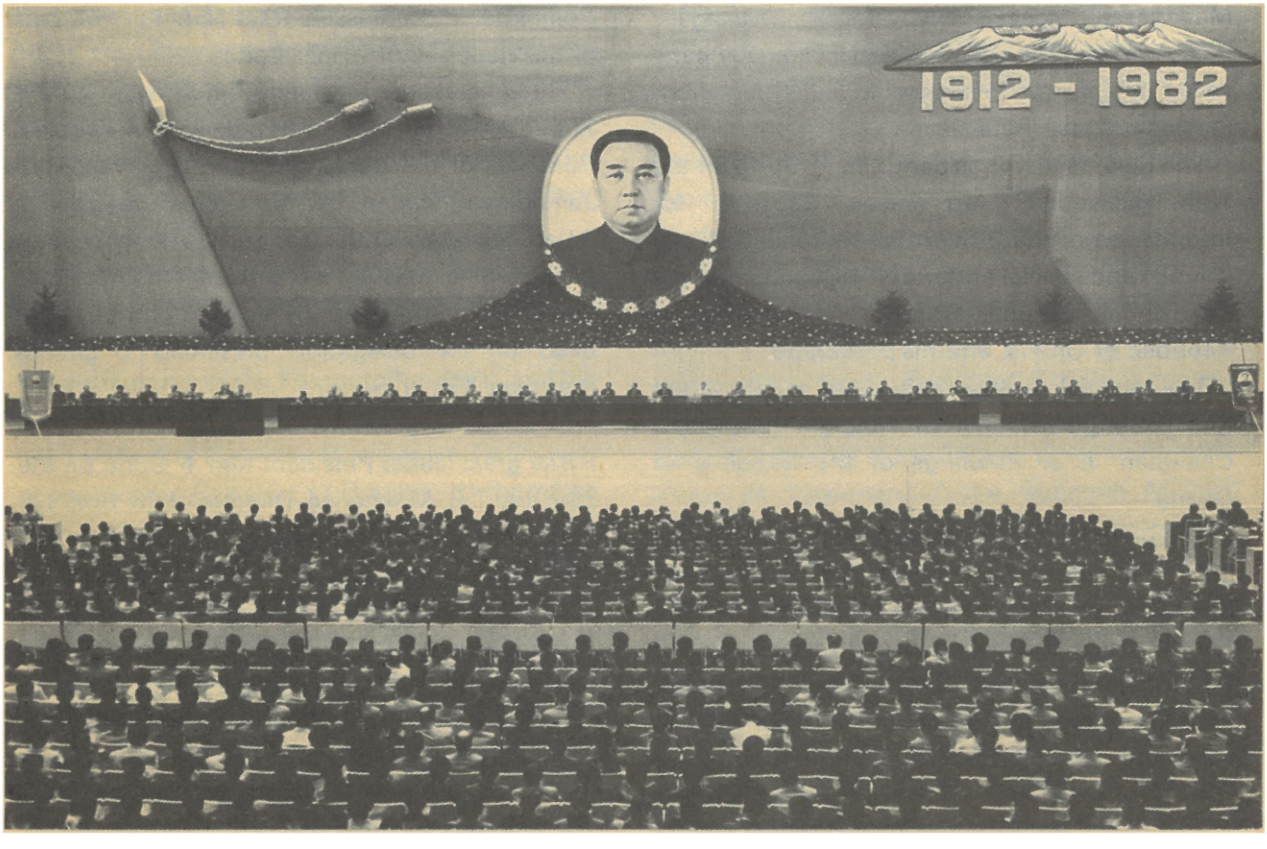
Great Leader President Kim Il Sung's 70th Birthday Celebrated as Great National and International Political Festivals



National Report Meeting

As the whole of the country was enveloped in great emotions and joy, a grand national report meeting was held on April 14 at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium to celebrate the 70th birthday of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

On the platform of the meeting place was set up a portrait of the President against the background of a red banner. There were streamers with slogans "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" On the background of the platform were also seen a model of Mt. Paekdu which symbolizes the revolutionary traditions of the Workers' Party of Korea established by respected President Kim Il Sung; and the figures "1912-1982" which show the course of his glorious revolutionary activities. In the hall were hung streamers bearing a slogan "Long live the great Juche idea!" and characters "Long life and good health to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung."

The meeting was attended by the delegates from across the nation and the congratulatory groups from south Korea and of overseas Koreans. Present on the occasion were goodwill envoys and friends from many foreign countries, who visited Korea to congratulate the great leader on his 70th birthday.

The tribune was taken up by Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Party and government cadres, responsible officials engaged in different fields, anti-Japanese revolutionary veterans, Labour Heroes and heads of the congratulatory groups of south Koreans and overseas compatriots.

At the meeting Rim Chun Chu, Member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the WPK and Secretary of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK, made a report to commemorate the occasion. Congratulatory speeches were made by Han Dok Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and head of the congratulatory group of Korean residents in Japan, and Li Chung Hyok, head of the congratulatory group of the south Korean Revolutionary Party for Reunification.

Grand Banquet

On April 15 the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honour of the 70th birthday of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The banquet was attended by President Kim Il Sung. Present on the occasion were Kim Il, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the CC of the WPK and Vice-President; Comrade Kim Jong Il, Member of the same and Secretary of the CC of the WPK; O Jin U, Member of the same and Minister of the People's Armed Forces; and Li Jong Ok, Member of the same and Premier of the Administration Council. Also on hand were Members of the Political Bureau of the CC of the WPK, Party and government cadres, delegates from all parts of the country, and members of congratulatory groups from south Korea and of overseas Korean nationals.

The banquet was also attended by many foreign heads of state, prime ministers, vice-presidents, party leaders, special envoys of heads of state, party and government delegations and delegates and illustrious figures, who visited Korea to congratulate President Kim Il Sung on his 70th birthday.

Premier Li Jong Ok addressed a congratulatory speech at the banquet. He was followed by the President of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic, the President of the Republic of Zambia, the President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the President of the Military Committee of National Salvation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the President of the Revolutionary Council of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the President of the Republic of Malta, the Member of the Council of the Government of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua, the Chairman of the Council of the Revolutionary Command of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic and the General Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung spoke at the banquet.

The attendants drank toasts to the great leader President Kim Il Sung to express the unanimous desire of the entire people. They wished him long life and good health for the reunification of Korea and the ultimate victory of the revolution, for the eternal prosperity of the country and the happiness of all generations to come.

Congratulatory Calls from Heads of Foreign Delegations

On April 15 the great leader President Kim Il Sung received congratulatory calls at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall from foreign heads of state, deputy heads of state, prime ministers, party leaders, special presidential envoys, heads of delegations and delegates, and renowned figures of political, social, economic, cultural and press circles, who came to Korea.

Foreign heads of state, deputy heads of state, prime ministers and party leaders were the first to pay congratulatory calls on President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people, in honour of his 70th birthday.

They presented floral baskets to him to celebrate his birthday and earnestly wished him many happy returns and longevity.

The great leader was then called on by heads of party

and government delegations and delegates, heads of the delegations of the study groups of the Juche idea, heads of the delegations of the committees to support Korean reunification and friendship organizations, and noted personages of political, social, economic, cultural and press circles. There were 221 delegations from 118 countries.

Tower of Juche Idea Unveiled

A grand ceremony was held on April 15 to unveil the Tower of Juche Idea, a great monument of our times.

The Korean people built the lofty Tower of Juche Idea on a magnificent scale on the Taedong River in Pyongyang with a unanimous desire and unbreakable will to tell for ever about the great revolutionary idea and achievements of the respected leader President Kim Il Sung and endeavour throughout all generations to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by more than 200,000 working people of Pyongyang who crowded both shores of the Taedong River. In their midst stood a portrait of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

On the site of the ceremony were seen the slogans: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" and "Long live the great Juche idea!"

The ceremony was attended by Party and government cadres, delegates from all parts of the country, members of the south Korean people's congratulatory group and the congratulatory groups of overseas Koreans.

Present on the occasion were heads of state, prime ministers, vice-presidents, special envoys of heads of state, party and government delegations and renowned figures from foreign countries who had come to celebrate the 70th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

Kim Il, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea and Vice-President of the DPRK, spoke at the ceremony. He cut a red tape spread in front of the Tower of Juche Idea and declared it unveiled. Thunderous cheers burst forth and multitudes of fireworks were shot into the sky. Numerous balloons rose high and countless doves flew into the blue.

After the ceremony, the audience looked round the tower.

Arch of Triumph Unveiled

A grand ceremony was held on April 14 to unveil the Arch of Triumph, a monument to the immortal revolutionary exploits of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The Arch of Triumph was built at the foot of Moran Hill where the historic Pyongyang city mass meeting had been held to welcome the great leader President Kim Il Sung on his triumphant return home.

Under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Korean people built the Arch of Triumph on the occasion of the 70th birthday of the respected leader President Kim Il Sung to tell for ever about his great achievements in 20 years of the anti-Japanese revolution.

The ceremony was attended by over 80,000 working people of Pyongyang.

Amid the crowd was a portrait of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

At the place of the ceremony were put up streamers and boards inscribed with slogans such as "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!"

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Vice-President, and Party and government cadres, delegates from all parts of the country, members of the south Korean people's congratulatory group and the congratulatory groups of overseas Koreans.

Also on hand were heads of state, prime ministers, vice-presidents, special envoys of heads of state, party and government delegations and prominent personages from foreign countries who had come to celebrate the 70th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The unveiling speech was made by O Jin U, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the CC of the WPK and Minister of People's Armed Forces. He cut a red tape spread in front of the Arch of Triumph and declared it unveiled.

As welcome music was struck up, stormy shouts of hurrah for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung burst out, and several hundred fireworks were let off with thousands of balloons, embroidering the sky with beautiful flowers.

After the ceremony the audience inspected the Arch of Triumph.

National Seminar on the Juche Idea

A national seminar on the Juche idea was held in Pyongyang from March 25 to 31 in honour of the 70th birthday of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

Placed on the platform was a portrait of the great leader President Kim Il Sung. And in the hall were seen slogans "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!"

Present at the seminar were Party and state cadres, men of science, education, the press and literature and arts in the capital and provinces.

Chong Jun Gi, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council, made an opening address at the seminar.

Then Hwang Jang Yop, Secretary of the CC of the WPK, made a report entitled "The Revolutionary Idea of Great Comrade Kim Il Sung is an Immortal Revolutionary Banner That Leads the Cause of Independence of the Working Masses to Victory."

His report was followed by the debate participated in by many functionaries in academic, educational, literary and art circles and the press.

At the closing meeting, a treatise "On the Juche Idea" submitted to the seminar by Comrade Kim Jong Il, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK, was read out by Comrade Kim Yong Nam, Member of the Political Bureau, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK.

The treatise splendidly formulates, through profound thought and lucid logic, the founding of the Juche idea, its philosophical and socio-historical principles and guiding principle and the historic significance of the Juche idea; it also gives a comprehensive synthesis of the system and content, theory and methodology of the Juche idea.

Set forth in the treatise are the orientation and tasks in improving and strengthening the study of social science and theoretical propaganda to conform with the requirements of our revolution developing onto a new higher stage, the stage of modelling the whole of society on the Juche idea.

At the closing meeting a message to the great leader President Kim Il Sung was adopted.

A closing address was made by Chong Jun Gi.

Joint Performance

On April 15, a joint art performance by Korean and foreign artists was given at the Mansudae Art Theatre in celebration of the 70th birthday of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The performance was participated in by artists of the Mansudae Art Troupe of Korea, the Art Troupe of Koreans in Japan and of the foreign troupes which had come to this country for President Kim Il Sung's birthday celebrations—the Guinean Joliba National Ballet Troupe; the Guinea-Bissau Art Troupe; the Romanian Art Troupe; the Bangladesh Dance and Music Troupe; the Peruvian "Tiempo Nuevo" Musical Group; the Italian Art Troupe; the delegation of the Japan Society for the Study of Kimilsungism; the delegation of the Japan-Korea Music and Art Exchange Society; and the Tanzanian Art Troupe.

Amid the strains of welcome music President Kim Il Sung appeared in the auditorium. The theatre shook with a thunderous applause and shouts of hurrah for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Present on the occasion were cadres of our Party and Government, members of the congratulatory delegations of south Korea and overseas Koreans.

The performance was also seen by foreign heads of state, prime ministers, vice-presidents, party leaders, special envoys of heads of state, party and government delegations and delegates and prominent figures who came to celebrate the 70th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The performance began with a chorus of "Song of General Kim Il Sung". The colourful programme included an instrumental ensemble and song "The Respected President Kim Il Sung Is a Great Fighter" by the Guinea-Bissau Art Troupe; a dance "After the Victory" by the Guinean Joliba National Ballet Troupe; a dance "Cloud and Sun" by the Bangladesh Dance and

Music Group; a soprano solo "Leader, the Night Is Far Advanced" by the Peruvian "Tiempo Nuevo" Musical Group; and a contralto solo "The Leader's Noble Idea Flowers Out" by the Italian Art Troupe.

The performance ended with a mixed chorus "Long Life and Good Health to the Leader."

Amidst prolonged cheers President Kim Il Sung mounted the stage with foreign heads of state and presented a basket of flowers to the artists, congratulating their success.

International Seminar on the Juche Idea

An international seminar on the Juche idea was held with success in the Indian capital of New Delhi in April to mark the 70th birthday of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

Hung on the background of the platform in the meeting hall were portraits of President Kim Il Sung and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

On the background were seen also an emblem symbolizing the international seminar together with the letters "International Seminar on the Juche Idea."

Slogans were seen in the hall, which read "Long live H.E. President Kim Il Sung, the great leader and author of the everlasting Juche idea!" "Long live the great Juche idea!" "Let us unite with the world's people advocating independence!" and "Long live world peace!"

The seminar was attended by 132 delegations and delegates from 107 countries and 5 international organizations.

Attending the gathering were over 1,500 observers who included Indians of political, public, academic and press circles as well as followers of the Juche idea.

Bali Ram Bhagat, Speaker of the Lower House of India, made an opening address.

Nathan M. Shamuarira, Minister of Information and Tourism of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Administrative Secretary of the Zimbabwean African National Union, made a keynote report titled "The Juche Idea Is an Immortal Banner of Human Liberation."

He was followed by Ogami Kenichi, Director of the Secretariat of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, who made a report on the activities of the secretariat.

At the seminar 79 persons took part in the debate.

On the 70th birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the debaters offered the highest honour and best wishes to him, the author of the Juche idea, who leads the people to victory in their struggle for independence. They forcefully substantiated the infallibility, originality, greatness and indestructible vitality of the immortal Juche idea, an idea that safeguards men's independence most thoroughly, and explained their experiences and successes in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea. They expressed their resolve to develop in depth their study and dissemination of the idea and apply it better in their struggle for independence, sovereignty and the building of new society.

They wished the great leader President Kim Il Sung long life and good health for final victory of the cause of independence and everlasting prosperity of mankind.

At the seminar congratulatory banners and gifts to the great leader President Kim Il Sung were conveyed.

It also adopted a message to him. All the audience rose up and, looking up at his portrait, shouted "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Juche idea!" "Kim Il Sung!" and "Juche!" to express their fervent adoration and reverence for him.

The seminar adopted a message to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India. It also adopted a declaration in the name of the seminar.

The Indian Minister of State for Agriculture declared the seminar closed.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung and the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il look round the Tower of Juche Idea built on the scenic Taedong River

President Kim Il Sung shakes hands with President Ahmed Sekou Toure of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic

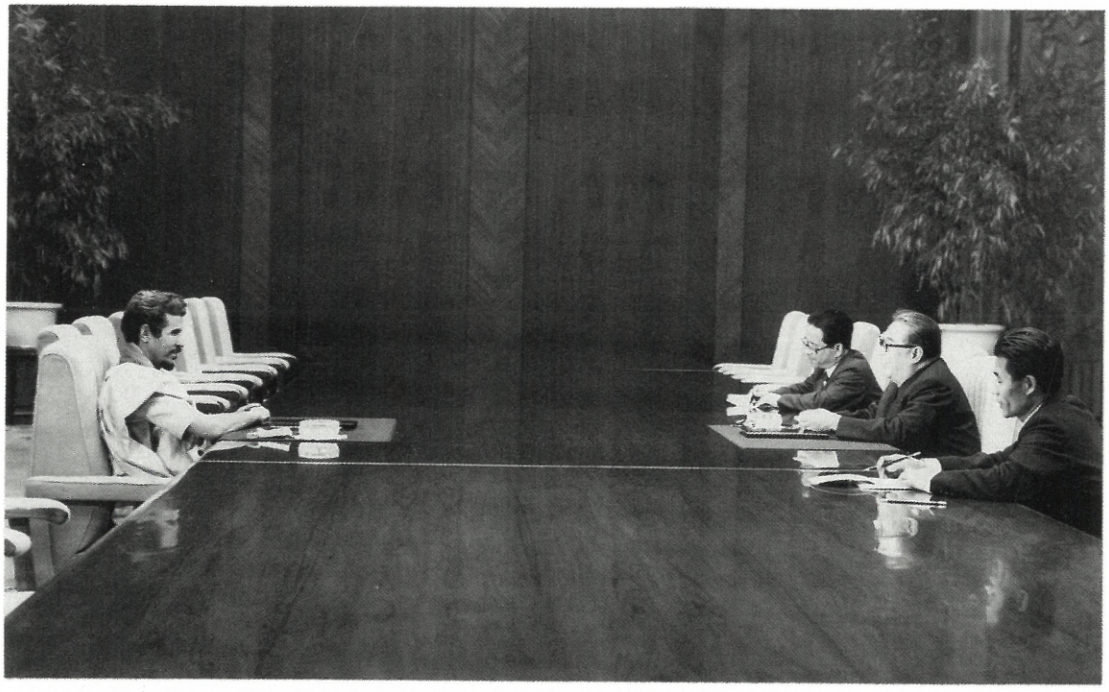
Accompanied by President Kim Il Sung, President Kenneth David Kaunda of the Republic of Zambia returns the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd at the airport

Accompanied by President Kim Il Sung, President Samora Moises Machel of the People's Republic of Mozambique responds to the warm salute of the welcomers at the airport

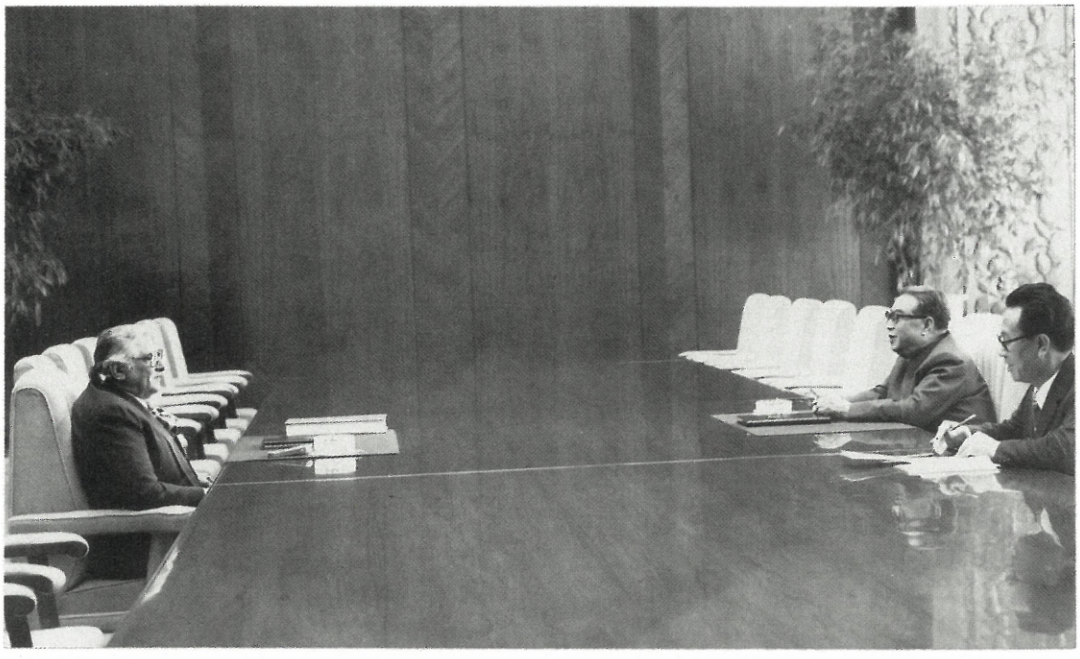
President Kim Il Sung has talks with President Joao Bernardo Vieira of the Revolutionary Council of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

President Canaan Banana of the Republic of Zimbabwe presents a gift to President Kim Il Sung

President Kim Il Sung meets President Agatha Barbara of the Republic of Malta



President Kim Il Sung converses with President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla of the Military Committee of National Salvation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania



President Kim Il Sung meets Rafael Cordova Rivas, Member of the Council of the Government of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua

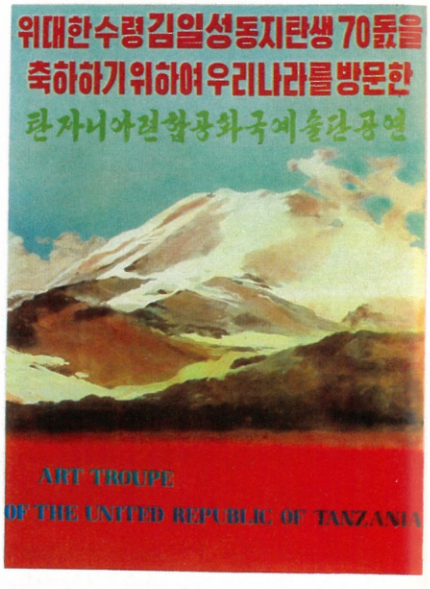
President Kim Il Sung meets Chairman Mohamed Abdelaziz of the Council of the Revolutionary Command of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic and poses for a photograph with him

President Kim Il Sung receives many foreign delegates who came to pay congratulatory calls on him

President Kim Il Sung enjoys a mass game titled "People Sing of the Leader" together with foreign heads of state

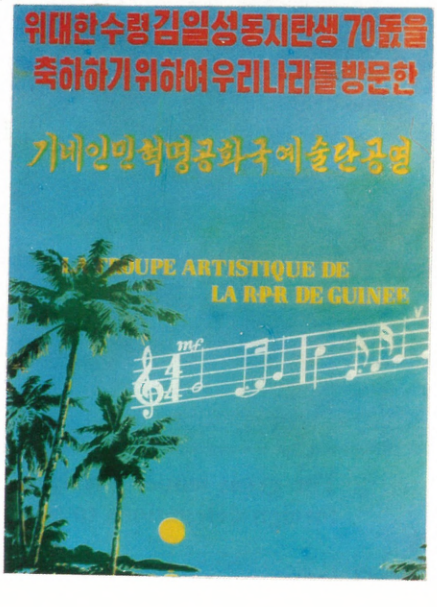
The great leader President Kim Il Sung poses with heads and members of foreign delegations to the 7th Pool CC Meeting after receiving them

Foreign Artists Sing Songs of Congratulation on the April Holiday



The Guinea-Bissau Art Troupe chorus the "Song of General Kim Il Sung"

Instrumental and vocal ensemble by the Peruvian "Tiempo Nuevo" Musical Group



Poem

To Comrade Kim Il Sung, Lover of Mankind

Hearty Congratulations on Your 70th Birthday

Kenneth David Kaunda
President of Zambian Republic

The truly great do not think
of their greatness,
They think of service to others
So does Comrade Kim Il Sung
He thinks not of himself
but of service to others;
And this about him history will sing!!

Nay, without doubt more will be sung!
Humble - was his birth place;
For all in his day of birth
exploitation was commonplace;
Not even the truly great could
have a warm place!!

All true humans love REVOLUTION!
All true patriots love REVOLUTION!
Comrade Kim Il Sung is no exception.
In his eyes one reads nothing but REVOLUTION!
In his mind is nothing but REVOLUTION!
In his heart is nothing but REVOLUTION!
Every gram of his blood is
nothing but REVOLUTION!
He has love for mankind!!

Yes - in Kim was nothing else
but REVOLUTION!
It was only REVOLUTION that could free him from
the pain
the agony
the revulsion
that he felt
Because exploited was everything
he could call his own!!

Kim the champion of the oppressed
called
whistled
bugled
trumpeted
He summoned the humble of the humble
To the supreme task at hand;
They came one
came two
came three
came all
peasant and worker alike!!

All the exploited
enslaved
robbed and
impoverished
They came to war for
independence
peace and
justice!!

Every limb of the revolutionary was on call;
Their hands were tight on the gun;
Their fingers on the trigger!
Their blood was no longer theirs
Indeed their lives belonged no
longer to them

But to Comrade Han Byol and the
Fatherland!!

Comrade Han Byol had summoned all.
The Young General was ahead to lead
all into battle.
The enemy, the exploiter, the imperialist
knew it was safe no longer!
The Young General was ahead to lead
all into battle!
The enemy, the exploiter, the imperialist
knew it was all over!!

And so he sought to flee -
But not before he played the ace
card that fleeces.
Yes, he divided in order to rule.
He reckoned though without
Comrade Han Byol -
A multi-pronged attack was at hand ...
Build, build on the Juche Idea said
the Lodestar -
On the land - Juche
On the sea - Juche
In the air - Juche
Underground - Juche!!

Soon the nation was aflame with the
Juche Idea!
They came one
came two
came three
came all:
The enemy stood aghast!!

On the rubbles of war stood mighty
Memorials to the heroes
monuments
food in plenty
universities, colleges and schools
hospitals
roads - name it

The Young General Han Byol had
done it again:
The memorials to the masses are
innumerable!
Yes, the Young General had
done it again!
The enemy, the exploiter,
stood aghast -
Now it had dawned on him
The Young General was invincible!!

Listen - say the masses - the
Marshal speaks!
The clarion call is on - Comrade
Han Byol speaks!
The message is loud and clear.
It is ONE KOREA and ONE NATION!
Yes, it is peaceful REUNIFICATION!
The message is loud and clear
Do not shoot - Do not shoot!
The masses have harkened his voice.

Yes, it is the same voice of the
Beloved and their Respected Leader.
The loving, kind, firm and unmistakable
voice of Comrade Han Byol!
His genuine love for the masses
is unmistakable!
It could only be that of
the Lodestar!
It is the voice of the masses
that has spoken!
Yes, it is peaceful REUNIFICATION!!

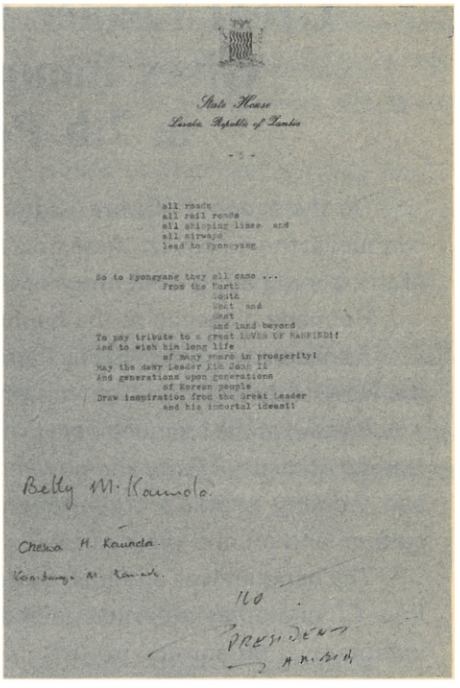
Bang - it is all bustle and hustle
in Pyongyang!

It is of course Spring Time in Pyongyang.
The Beloved and Respected Leader
hammers hard at his work,
And so do all the masses in
some great and unmistakable
unison as taught by the
Juche Idea!
Yes, the beautiful snow melts
Giving way to Spring Time.
The beautiful magnolia blooms
and adds its praises to the Leader!
Indeed the dove - both domestic and
wild - flap their wings in the far
off blue skies in obedience
to the Leader!
Yes, it is all bustle and hustle
in Pyongyang!!

It is Spring Time in Pyongyang.
The masses have heard it all with
great rejoicing!
The Beloved and Respected Leader
The Marshal
The Lodestar
Comrade Han Byol is now 70!
It is Spring Time in Pyongyang
And all is set for great rejoicing!
Comrade Han Byol is now 70!

Yes, the Beloved and Respected
Great Leader of the people
is now 70
And all is set for great rejoicing!
The country shakes with great emotion-
The Great Leader is now 70!!
But the Juche Idea has gone beyond
Pyongyang!
Nay, it has gone beyond the nation!
And so in Spring Time
all roads
all rail roads
all shipping lines and
all airways
lead to Pyongyang

So to Pyongyang they all came ...
From the North
South
West and
East
and land beyond
To pay tribute to a great
LOVER OF MANKIND!!
And to wish him long life
of many years in prosperity!
May the dear Leader Kim Jong Il
And generations upon generations
of Korean people
Draw inspiration from the Great Leader and his immortal ideas!!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President Kaunda's poem dedicated to President Kim Il Sung

Great Leader President Kim Il Sung Receives Participants in 7th Pool CC Meeting

The great leader President Kim Il Sung met on May 13 heads and members of delegations to the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries.

Present on the occasion were heads and members of 59 delegations from member states of the Pool Coordinating Committee and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organizations.

The heads of delegations offered thanks to the great leader President Kim Il Sung for making a great contribution to the strengthening and development of the non-aligned movement and showing deep interest and solicitude for the successful progress of the 7th Pool CC Meeting, and sincerely wished him long life and good health.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung warmly congratulated the Pool CC Meeting and had a talk with the heads and members of the delegations in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

That day he posed for a photograph with them.

Great Leader President Kim Il Sung Gives Banquet to Participants in 7th Pool CC Meeting

On the evening of May 13 the great leader President Kim Il Sung gave a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honour of the participants in the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries.

He made a speech at the banquet.

A speech was also made by Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries and Chairman of its 7th Meeting.

Present at the banquet were Li Jong Ok, Premier of the Administration Council, and leading officials of Party and government bodies, administrative and economic agencies and working people's organizations, as well as responsible personnel of scientific, cultural and art and press circles.

The banquet was attended by delegations and delegates from member states of the Pool CC and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organizations.

Those present on the occasion toasted friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and non-aligned countries and the long life and good health of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

Letter of Thanks to H.E. Kim Il Sung,
WPK CC General Secretary and DPRK President

Esteemed Your Excellency President,

We, participants in the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries, would like to offer Your Excellency esteemed President our best wishes and profound thanks from the bottom of our hearts in great joy and satisfaction with the successful conclusion of the meeting.

Your Excellency who are making a signal contribution to the strengthening and development of the non-aligned movement have not only shown solicitude for our convening the current meeting in Pyongyang, the beautiful capital of your country which is widely known as a symbol of friendship and solidarity, but also taken meticulous care of the preparatory work for the meeting, providing the most excellent conditions for its success.

Such concern and care shown by Your Excellency was a source which served to make this meeting a significant one conducive to developing the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries itself as well as to maintaining the principles of the non-aligned movement and strengthening its unity and cohesion.

During our sojourn in your country, we were very much impressed by the miraculous changes and progress made in your country under the wise leadership of Your Excellency and the Workers' Party of Korea and also by your people's sincere efforts for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The marvellous achievements and rich experience gained in your country and the lofty aspiration of your people gave a great inspiration to us who are striving to attain the common objectives with the idea of non-alignment.

And the kindness and sincerity expressed by your people through their hospitality to us left an everlasting impression on us.

Hoping that Your Excellency President and the Korean people will achieve greater successes in their noble work for the building of a new society and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, we most sincerely wish Your Excellency esteemed President a long life in good health for the eternal prosperity of Korea and the strengthening and development of the non-aligned movement.

The Participants in the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries

Pyongyang

May 14, 1982

Poem

Glory to H.E. Kim Jong Il the Dear Leader

Dongodo Moussa (Central Africa)

O Your Excellency Kim Jong Il the dear leader
Who was born with the spirit of Korea
Allow me to offer my warm greetings to you
On this auspicious day.

At this moment when every Korean is overjoyed
To celebrate February Day as their great holiday
And presents a bouquet with a feeling of respect,
I too celebrate the birthday of Your Excellency
The dear leader.

You were born in the revolutionary storm.
Accompanying your father Marshal Kim Il Sung
The great strategist in the glorious though hard struggle
For national liberation
Broke through the flames for thousands of miles
Thus growing up with the sturdy spirit of the Paekdu.

To you, Comrade Leader,
Who have lofty personality and profound kindness
People show gratitude unbounded
And entrusted you with Party and state responsibilities.

Applying the great idea of Juche
You have led confidently
The country to bliss and prosperity
To the modelling of the whole society on the Juche idea
The highest goal of the Korean revolution.

Juche is a homocentric idea.
Juche is the acme of human love.
You love people with warmth
And turned Korea into an ideal paradise
So that their desires are fully met.

To accord with the immortal decisions
Adopted at the Sixth WPK Congress
You conducted dynamic activities
For the reunification of the nation
For the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo
Everyone wants.

Dear Comrade Leader of the working people,
On February 16, the auspicious day,
I wish from the bottom of my heart
Happiness to the world-renowned great family
Prosperity to Korea the beautiful country
And long life and good health to you.

Your Excellency Kim Jong Il the dear leader
I offer glory to you on your happy birthday.

Grand Programme for Advancement of Non-Aligned Movement

The great leader President Kim Il Sung elucidated the ideas, theories and policies of expanding and developing the non-aligned movement in his immortal works "The Non-Alignment Movement Is a Mighty Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Force of Our Times" and "Report to the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the Work of the Central Committee" and many other writings. He gave scientific answers to the basic idea, fundamental principles, mission, objectives, principle of activity, strategy and tactics, tasks and ways and means of struggle and other problems concerning the non-aligned movement. This is producing great repercussions among the people of non-aligned and new-emerging countries as the days go by.

Torch That Leads Revolutionary Cause of Our Age to Victory

A Cyprian national seminar on the "Report to the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the Work of the Central Committee", an immortal work of the great leader President Kim Il Sung, was held in October 1981 in Nicosia. At the seminar Anis Mavroskufis, Member of the Political Bureau of the Socialist Party of Cyprus, said:

"In his historic report delivered at the Sixth Congress of the WPK the great leader President Kim Il Sung analyzed and reviewed great changes which took place in the international situation in recent years, and advanced a policy of expanding and developing the non-aligned movement for world revolution, while strengthening the unity of the anti-imperialist, independent forces, and gave all-round answers to problems of principle arising in the implementation of this policy.

"This policy is a bright torch that leads to victory the sacred revolutionary cause of our age—a cause of building an independent, new world by closely rallying this movement under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence and further increasing its might and influence....

"Indeed, this policy proposed by the great leader is a great programme which illumined the road for the non-aligned movement to follow; it is a banner of struggle. The non-aligned movement will win victory after victory when the movement carries through its tasks defined by the great leader President Kim Il Sung, founder of the indestructible Juche idea."

Korea Is Symbol of Non-Aligned Movement

At the Panamanian national seminar on the Juche idea and the non-aligned movement held last year, Miguel Delgado, Head of the Social Community of Panama, pointed out:

"Respected President Kim Il Sung has appeared as a legitimate leader of the non-aligned movement.

"Reality makes us recognize him as a genuine defender of the non-aligned movement, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by him as an independent and revolutionary country where the idea of this movement has been completely realized, and also as the citadel of the non-aligned movement.

"The activities of President Kim Il Sung, great thinker, theoretician and practician, are a rampart that guarantees the national dignity and prosperity of developing countries and nations.

"The US troops occupying the southern half of Korean territory must be withdrawn. We revolutionaries and people of non-aligned countries should not stop our struggle to support Korean reunification until the

American pirates evacuate their equipment for criminal war. This is part of the struggle for safeguarding the non-aligned movement.

"Respected President Kim Il Sung and the DPRK are a symbol of the non-aligned movement. So, it is necessary to bear in mind the fact that President Kim Il Sung and the DPRK symbolizing the non-aligned movement should be defended in our daily life and pratical activities in order to safeguard the movement."

A resolution adopted at the seminar said:

"The seminar stressed that if the non-aligned movement is to smash the aggressive, predatory, interventionist and dominationist attempts of imperialist and colonialist powers, it is necessary for all its member nations to maintain independence and apply the principles of the Juche idea and its embodiment, the precious experience of the Korean people, to suit the specific conditions of each country.

"The seminar unanimously recognized that the policies of the non-aligned movement expounded by His Excellency respected President Kim Il Sung at the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea are of special significance in strengthening and developing this movement."

Banner of Struggle That Leads the Anti-Imperialist, Independent Cause to Victory

At a joint seminar held recently in Pakistan on the occasion of the first anniversary of the publication of the "Report to the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the Work of the Central Committee", an immortal work of the great leader President Kim Il Sung, Abdul Malik stressed:

"Great President Kim Il Sung made an analysis of the acute struggle between the revolutionary and counterrevolutionary forces and between the anti-imperialist, independent forces and the dominating forces and of the danger of world war taking place on the international scene today. He also gave a comprehensive elucidation of important questions arising in uniting the anti-imperialist, independent forces, expanding and developing the non-aligned movement and achieving the cohesion and unity of the socialist forces and the international communist movement to accelerate the anti-imperialist, independent cause and world revolution.

"As it indicates the road of the struggle for independence, the report vigorously inspires the revolutionary people the world over to an honourable battle to oppose imperialism, step up the independent development of their countries and the cause of socialism and communism and build a new world, independent and peaceful and free from all manners of domination and subjugation.

"We declare with pride that now, it is none other than the respected leader President Kim Il Sung who will lead to victory the non-aligned movement and the world people's cause of struggle for independence. The non-aligned movement and the revolutionary struggle of the world's people will achieve a shining victory only when they advance along the road of Juche."

Another debater, Afik Ahmed, noted:

"The policy of expanding and developing the non-aligned movement advanced by respected President Kim Il Sung is based on the great significance and role of the non-aligned movement in the advancement of world revolution and international affairs and embodies the basic demand of world revolution for an acceleration of the anti-imperialist, independent cause of the people.

"His policy is an outstanding policy making it possible to hasten the victory of the common cause of non-aligned countries for sovereignty, independence and social progress; it is a wise policy making it possible to strengthen the international revolutionary forces and expedite the victory of world revolution as a whole....

"The principles to be maintained by non-aligned countries and the tasks and ways and means of struggle set forth by the respected President blaze a short-cut for the member nations of this movement to free themselves from domination, subjugation, exploitation and plunder, and forcefully promote the autonomous development of their countries and the common cause of anti-imperialism and independence.

"The historic report of the great leader President Kim Il Sung which gave scientific answers to all important and urgent questions arising in realizing the anti-imperialist, independent cause is a militant programme which instils boundless confidence and courage in the people fighting against imperialism and colonialism and illumines the path of struggle. It is also a banner of struggle which leads the anti-imperialist, independent cause to victory by firmly rallying the non-aligned movement, a mighty revolutionary force of our times, into revolutionary ranks united as one and cementing the unity and cohesion of the anti-imperialist, independent forces."

President Kim Il Sung Is Real Leader of Non-Aligned Movement

Mori Yasuhito (Japan)

The non-aligned movement had six summit conferences from the Belgrade Conference to the Havana Conference. In the period it has exerted a growing influence on the international political life, its member nations increasing sharply.

Today this movement plays an active role in the struggle for peace, national independence and economic development.

The development of the non-aligned movement is first of all to be seen in the rapid increase of its member nations.

The member nations of this movement number 97. This shows that the non-aligned movement already comprises 90 per cent and over of the newly-emerging countries and that it has now become a great political force uniting a sweeping majority of the third-world countries.

The development of the non-aligned movement is also to be seen in the fact that it has appeared on the international arena as an anti-imperialist independent force.

The "political declaration" adopted by the Sixth Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Nations reaffirmed that the essence of the policy of non-alignment lies in fighting against imperialism, old and new colonialism, racism including racial discrimination and Zionism, all forms of foreign aggression, occupation, domination, interference, supremacy, great-power chauvinism and bloc policy according to its intrinsic principles and nature.

As this declaration clearly shows, the non-aligned countries confirmed that their intrinsic nature is to fight against all the dominationist forces including imperialism, united under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

In the past the socialist force and the working-class movement in each country were defined as the force aspiring after social progress, as the force upholding the right to self-determination of colonized peoples.

But today the third-world peoples are cutting out the destinies of their countries by their own efforts and contributing greatly to the development of the world's progressive movement.

In the past the UN was controlled by the US imperialists. But the 30th Session of the UN General Assembly held in 1975 adopted a resolution on the withdrawal of the UN forces from south Korea for the first time in history in reflection of the just will of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As these moves clearly show, today the non-aligned movement has appeared on the historical scene of the world as an anti-imperialist independent force standing opposed to the forces of imperialism and other dominationism.

The Foreign Ministers' Conference of Non-aligned Nations held in Lima in August 1975

unanimously decided to accept the DPRK as a full-fledged member of the non-aligned movement.

This was possible because the DPRK's consistent principled foreign policy of anti-imperialism and independence is highly estimated by the third-world countries.

The Korean people won their liberation from Japanese imperialist colonial yoke, emerged triumphant from the war against US imperialist aggression and built a strong socialist industrial state. Their struggle serves as a living example to the third-world countries which are striving to win complete political independence from colonial or semi-colonial status and build a strong, independent sovereign state.

In the year when the DPRK became a full-fledged member of the non-aligned movement President Kim Il Sung published a treatise *The Non-Alignment Movement Is a Mighty Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Force of Our times.*

In this treatise he said about the non-aligned movement:

"The non-alignment movement is a powerful anti-imperialist revolutionary force reflecting the main trend of the present era.

"The present era is an era of independence, an era of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle. Many countries of the world demand independence and an ever-increasing number of peoples are coming out to join the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle. This is the main trend of our times that no force can halt. The non-alignment movement reflects this trend in the developments of modern times and embodies the lofty ideas of anti-imperialism and independence."

I think President Kim Il Sung's definition of the non-aligned movement as a powerful anti-imperialist revolutionary force is of historic import in clarifying this movement's idea and the orientation of its development.

The non-aligned movement started as a defensive movement of the third-world countries to separate themselves from the eastern or the western bloc and be independent. But President Kim Il Sung defined the non-aligned movement of our age as an organized powerful independent revolutionary force.

The qualitative development of the non-aligned movement, as the President pointed out, was possible because ours is an age of independence.

In our age people neither want to be subjugated by others nor allow others to violate national dignity.

The development of the non-aligned movement by the third-world countries, the development of the democratic movement of the toiling masses including the working class in capitalist countries and the new moves of peoples of socialist countries demanding independence in particular.... Today in our age the struggle for independence is on on a worldwide scale.

Today the independent force has appeared on the international scene, with the result that the forces of dominationism including imperialism have inevitably retreated but they are working for new aggression.

There are imperialism and other dominationist forces seeking aggression behind recent developments in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

President Kim Il Sung called for the unity of the anti-imperialist, independent forces and elucidated its principle as follows:

"With a view to strengthening the unity of the anti-imperialist, independent forces, all the newly-emerging nations must maintain independence."

"In order to increase the unity of the anti-imperialist, independent forces, all the newly-emerging nations should take a principled attitude towards imperialism."

The President taught that in order to escape from the divisive and estranging moves of the dominationist forces and avert the danger of

world war the newly-emerging nations should maintain independence and adhere to the stand against imperialism.

It is only President Kim Il Sung who can set forth such a task of achieving the principled unity of non-aligned nations at the present time.

In our age it is most important and fundamental to oppose all forms of domination and subjugation and realize independence. Holding fast to the principle of independence against imperialism and achieving the unity of the independent forces to oppose all dominationist forces correctly reflects the demand of all the people living in our independent age.

At the Havana Sixth Summit Conference of Non-aligned Nations the danger of division was created over a number of complex problems. But the delegation of the DPRK guided by President Kim Il Sung strove to defend to the end the unity of non-aligned nations, which won many countries' sympathy and enabled their unity and solidarity to be defended.

From these facts we say for sure that President Kim Il Sung is a real leader correctly guiding the non-aligned movement.

President Kim Il Sung said in his *Answers to the Questions Raised by the Chinese Xinhua News Agency Delegation* on April 1981 about the present situation and tasks of the non-aligned movement:

"One dispute is breaking out after another between non-aligned countries and some of them try to settle the disputes by force of arms. Now disputes are developing into wars rather than local armed conflicts.

"Imperialism and all domination forces are intervening in the disputes, which renders the situation all the more serious.

"Within the non-aligned movement itself, there are attempts to get the movement off its track and lead it to another road.

"Unless this situation is remedied, the non-aligned movement cannot develop."

As the President pointed out, the intervention and interference in non-aligned nations by imperialism and other dominating forces is frequent and serious today.

It is an urgent task today for the non-aligned nations to observe the principle of independence against imperialism and strengthen their unity.

There is no doubt that the DPRK which strictly observes the principle of independence against imperialism under the banner of Kimilsungism and stands face to face with the American imperialists will lead the non-aligned movement for independence against imperialism in the future, too.

It is true that the non-aligned movement is suffering ordeals due to the intervention and interference of imperialism and other dominating forces. But the world's progressive people will surely emerge triumphant from their struggle against all forms of their domination and enslavement and for independence.

Kimilsungism is the only guiding idea leading the non-aligned movement to develop rightly and rendering the world people's struggle for independence purposeful so as to bring about its upsurge.

As seen above, President Kim Il Sung always pays deep attention to the non-aligned movement. He gave a definition of this movement as an independent revolutionary force and gave teachings many times to lead this movement to the right path, so that he enjoys the deep trust and respect of non-aligned nations.

From this fact I think that President Kim Il Sung is the most central and real leader developing the non-aligned movement.

I heartily congratulate President Kim Il Sung, who authored Kimilsungism, a revolutionary idea exploring the age of independence, and is contributing greatly to the world people's cause of independence, on his 70th birthday and wish him good health and longevity so as to make the world's people independent.

Observing Fundamental Principle of Non-Aligned Movement—Sure Guarantee for Its Development

The expansion and development of the non-aligned movement is the urgent demand of the times and people.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung said:

"In order to expand and develop the non-aligned movement all its member nations should strictly abide by the fundamental principle of the movement. The non-aligned movement is an independent political force existing outside all blocs, and it is its fundamental principle to act independently without aligning itself with any bloc." *(Report to the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the Work of the Central Committee,* Eng. ed., p. 89.)

What is important in the expansion and development of the non-aligned movement is for all its member nations to observe the fundamental principle of this movement.

This fundamental principle correctly reflects the aspirations and desires of people to be real master of their destinies and cut them out independently.

Observing the fundamental principle is a sure guarantee for the development of the non-aligned movement.

This is because acting independently without aligning itself with any bloc makes this movement alive.

Only when it observes this fundamental principle, can the non-aligned movement maintain its existence as an independent political force outside blocs and carry out all its activities properly. And only then can it help to successfully repel the aggression and intervention of imperialism and other dominating forces in newly-emerging countries, bring about national independence and social progress and build a new, independent life in conformity with its mission and objective.

In particular, the situation created by the imperialists within the non-aligned movement urgently requires this movement to strictly observe its fundamental principle.

Scared at the mounting non-aligned movement, the imperialists and all other dominating forces are working in every way to weaken and destroy this movement. They are craftily using border disputes—the aftermath of colonial rule—and other delicate issues to drive wedges between non-aligned countries and cause estrangement, antagonism and discord among them and undermine the non-aligned movement from within, while intensifying open armed intervention, threat and blackmail and subversive and sabotaging activities against these countries.

They are also attempting to wrest individual non-aligned countries from the non-aligned movement and force them into their spheres of influence and divert the movement from its orbit.

Therefore, if non-aligned countries strictly abide by the fundamental principle of the non-aligned movement and resolutely fight against the aggression and intervention of the imperialists they can frustrate their divisive moves and complex problems will not arise within this movement.

But the reality is not so. Some non-aligned countries are antagonizing and quarreling with each

other or even causing armed conflicts between them, taken in by the divisive and alienating moves of the imperialists and other dominating forces or dancing to the tune of others.

This can be ended only when the non-aligned nations strictly observe the fundamental principle of this movement.

The observance of this principle is the most important task confronting the non-aligned countries at present.

Many non-aligned countries are now raising the voices: "Let's strictly abide by the principle of the non-aligned movement!" and "Let's guard the purity of the non-aligned movement!"

The problem of primary importance in the observance of the fundamental principle of the non-aligned movement is that the non-aligned countries must not tail after or be drawn into any bloc or cause division within this movement or form new blocs.

In the literal sense of the word non-alignment makes it its intrinsic nature not to join in any bloc but oppose all forms of domination and subordination and act independently. So those countries which follow any bloc or are under foreign domination are not non-aligned nations. Unity is the source of the invincible might of the non-aligned movement and this movement cannot exist without unity. Therefore, causing division or forming new blocs within the movement is the denial of the movement itself.

Only when all its member nations resolutely refrain from tailing after any bloc or causing division, can the non-aligned movement maintain its intrinsic nature and materialize the lofty idea of independence against imperialism.

Next in importance in observing the fundamental principle of the non-aligned movement is the maintenance of independence.

The non-aligned movement was born of struggle for independence; the history of this movement is that of struggle for independence.

Only when independence is maintained it is possible to uphold national dignity and honour, bring about national prosperity and constantly expand and develop the non-aligned movement.

Carrying out revolution and construction well in individual member states by holding fast to independence contributes to the cause of the non-aligned movement for independence against imperialism. If a non-aligned country loses independence and dances to other's tune it will mess its revolution and construction and weaken the non-aligned movement.

Non-aligned countries must categorically reject all foreign interference and must not dance to the tune of others or become their agents. And they should not meddle in others' internal affairs or infringe upon their interests and should respect the independence of other countries.

Among the non-aligned nations there are large and small countries and old and new member states. However, they are all equal members of the non-aligned movement and contribute jointly to the cause of anti-imperialism and independence. Under no circumstances should individual countries be allowed to have a privileged position in the movement and should criticize or meddle in what other members do.

Only when all the non-aligned countries hold fast to independence, can they attain the unity of the non-aligned movement; only unity based on independence can be a solid and genuine unity.

Only when the non-aligned countries observe the fundamental principle of the non-aligned movement and closely unite can they frustrate any imperialist moves and advance along the road of victory and splendidly discharge their historical mission of building a new world free from all forms of domination, subordination and inequality.

As in the past, so also in the future the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of our Republic will do their possible to defend and strictly abide by the fundamental principle of the non-aligned movement in the same ranks with the non-aligned countries.

Li Chong San

Key to Solution of Food Problem in Non-Aligned Countries

Today the food and agricultural problem poses as an important issue non-aligned countries must solve in building new society.

The food problem is a fundamental problem that directly bears upon human existence.

Only when food is enough, can people's livelihood be stabilized, the building of new society stepped up successfully and the political independence of the country guaranteed.

In recent years, non-aligned countries have tried hard to improve their food and agricultural situation. But it has not improved the way it should, and their per-capita output of food is on the decrease.

Developing countries inherited backward agricultural economy from protracted colonial rule and their food and agricultural production is left at the mercy of the economic crisis and abnormal weather that sweep over the world. Even those which exported food in the past import it in large quantities every year now.

Availing themselves of this difficulty developing countries are in, imperialists are using food as a political and economic weapon for domination and interference in the relations with them. As a result, non-aligned countries are confronted with a grave obstacle in building a new society.

Whether they can successfully solve the food problem or not is vital to the future existence of a country and nation in the developing world. It poses also as an important issue affecting the destiny of the non-aligned movement.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung said:

"The non-aligned and developing countries should set agriculture as an important question in building a new society and work hard to develop an independent agriculture and increase farm production, by displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance."

The key to a satisfactory solution of the food problem in non-aligned countries is to develop their agriculture and attain self-sufficiency in food. Otherwise, national states can neither solve the food problem nor relieve themselves of dependence on and subordination to others.

Self-supply of food is prerequisite for getting rid of dependence on developed countries for food and strengthening economic independence. It also is a decisive factor that ensures political independence of a nation, keeps up independence and the non-aligned policy in international relations and furthers the establishment of a new international economic order with regard to food and agriculture.

Therefore, all non-aligned countries should set the agricultural problem as a primary task in building a new society and strive to develop an independent agriculture. If all national states formulate their agricultural policy so as to attain self-sufficiency in food on the principle of self-reliance and enlist their people and resources in a rational manner, they will be able to settle the food and agricultural problem.

Individual and collective self-reliance is a key to the final solution of the food and agricultural problem. Only when it relies on itself, each country can draw on its people's strength and all potentials of its own to the maximum, cooperate with other countries in an effective way and develop agriculture rapidly. Therefore, to seek a right solution to the food and agricultural problem, non-aligned countries should vigorously fight on under the slogan of

"individual and collective self-reliance."

Developing countries must take correct measures to exploit land and water resources and develop agricultural researches. They must also hasten mechanization of the rural economy, on the principle of introducing simple, improved farm implements first and then modern farm machines and beginning with mechanization of backbreaking, labour-consuming work.

Adhering to the principle of collective self-reliance, non-aligned and developing countries should strengthen economic and technical cooperation and exchange among themselves because it is very conducive to tiding over their economic hardships and solving the food and agricultural problem.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung said:

"Strengthening economic and technical cooperation and exchange among the newly-emerging nations is of tremendous importance in developing agriculture and solving the food problem in the non-aligned and developing countries."

If the newly-emerging nations improve economic and technical cooperation and exchange among themselves with regard to food and agriculture, they can decisively increase food and farm production by making better use of their own potentials and establish a new international food order.

Non-aligned countries have ample conditions and feasibilities to strengthen collaboration and exchange in the field of food and agriculture. All these countries are fighting to build a new life and new society. Some of them have valuable experiences and advanced techniques, some abundant resources and funds, and some others favourable geographical conditions for agricultural production.

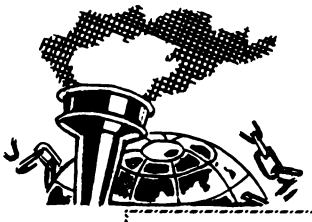
They should make the most of all these conditions and possibilities and take resolute steps to strengthen mutual cooperation and exchange. Developing countries must actively help one another—those which have techniques with techniques, those which have resources with resources, and those which have money with money—holding fast to the principle of self-reliance.

If non-aligned countries observe the principles of complete equality, mutual respect of sovereignty and noninterference in each other's internal affairs and develop honest and unselfish cooperation with no strings attached, they may put before long their backward agricultural economy on a new, scientific and technical foundation and solve the difficult food problem by attaining self-sufficiency.

The Symposium of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries on Increasing Food and Agricultural Production, which was held in Pyongyang last year, made a great contribution to easing the serious food crisis and attaining self-sufficiency in food in those countries and also to developing cooperation and exchange among them.

The symposium unanimously adopted the Pyongyang Declaration on Increased Food and Agricultural Production reflecting the desire of the newly-emerging nations. The declaration specifically shows the direction in which non-aligned and developing countries should develop their agriculture, the principled stand national states should hold fast to in this effort, their tasks, and the ways and means of further strengthening their cooperation. Therefore, to solve the food and agricultural problem with success, these countries should observe the principles and conscientiously fulfil the tasks set in the Pyongyang Declaration.

As stated by the great leader President Kim Il Sung, our people will exert all possible efforts for the successful solution of the food and agricultural problem of non-aligned and developing countries and faithfully discharge their responsibilities and obligations devolving upon them in this sphere.



For Independence and Self-Reliance

Of late the leaders of non-aligned states and governments are appealing to their people to develop the non-aligned movement and step up the building of a new society by their own efforts. Meanwhile, they are trenchantly denouncing imperialists for interference in their internal affairs and subversions and sabotages against their countries.

True to Principles of Non-Alignment

In his recent speech **Indonesian Vice-President Adam Malik** stated that Indonesia consistently pursued the policy of non-alignment as one of the states which had initiated the movement. He stressed that his country would always remain true to the intrinsic principles of the non-aligned movement such as those of noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries, recognition of national sovereignty and unity and peaceful settlement of disputes.

In his latest speech **Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Bin Mohamad** pointed out that non-aligned countries could preserve and exalt the dignity of the non-aligned movement only when they held fast to the objectives and intrinsic principles of the movement.

In his recent speech **Cameroonian President Ahmadou Ahidjo** emphasized that Cameroon would undeviatingly follow the policy of non-alignment in the international arena and was struggling, together with other African countries, for Namibia's independence and the liquidation of the inhuman racist machine of oppression in South Africa. He appealed to his people to strengthen national unity so as to counter the continued attempts of external forces to disturb the situation of independencies on the African continent.

In his latest statement **Seychellois President France Albert Rene** expressed his resolve to steadily endeavour to convert the Indian Ocean into a peace zone. He stressed that Seychelles was a non-aligned country and would remain the same in the future, too.

Recently **Maltese President Agatha Barbara** delivered a speech at a Parliamentary session, in which she said that Malta should be a country without foreign military bases in the future, too. She emphatically stated that her country would not join any military bloc.

Imperialist Interference Strongly Denounced

Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe spoke at a mass rally held recently on the outskirts of the capital. He stated that the Zimbabwean Government would take the most stringent steps against those forces which attempted to hamper the building of a new society and undermine national peace and unity.

In her recent statement to the press **Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi** scathingly condemned the Western powers for their double-faced policies on the international arena. She pointed out that the Western countries were wilfully manoeuvring to cause communal discord between Hindus and Moslems in India.

In his speech delivered at a recent rally **Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos** condemned the South African racists for occupying the southern area of Angola and continuing to violate its territorial integrity and sovereignty. He exposed the fact that the Western imperialist powers were rendering all-round assistance to Pretoria racialists and Angolan reactionaries, making the Angolan situation unstable and impeding the process of its national reconstruction. He called on the people and

the armed forces to sharpen their vigilance against continued imperialist aggression and actively participate in the building of foundations for socialism.

Fidel Castro Ruz, President of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba, denounced the US Government for its slander campaign against Cuba in his letter to the Mexican President. He pointed out that Cuba could not but have adequate means of defence because the US Government had been ceaselessly carrying on campaigns against Cuba since 1959. And he continued:

"The Reagan Administration takes the most aggressive attitude resorting to unjustified and unlawful acts. The threat is increasing with each passing day. The false slander campaign against Cuba is being conducted on an unprecedentedly big scale. The top-ranking representatives of the present US Administration do not deny that military actions may be taken against Cuba."

Ali Nasser Mohamed, Chairman of the Presidium of the People's Supreme Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and Head of State, revealed and condemned the aggressive moves of the United States at a recent meeting of the PSC. He insisted that American military bases in the Middle East be dismantled.

Zambian President Kenneth David Kaunda asserted that the African frontline countries must be on the alert to smash fresh aggressions against them, for which the West is preparing with the South African racists.

In his latest speech **Panamanian President Aristides Royo** strongly condemned the US for its pressure on Panama and stressed that nobody would be allowed to meddle in the internal affairs of his country. He added that Panama would support the Sandinist movement and the Nicaraguan revolution in the future, too, and develop good relations with all governments and peoples based on mutual understanding.

In his recent talk **Syrian President Hafez Al Assad** exposed and denounced America's subversions and sabotages against Syria. He stated that the reactionary manoeuvres which had taken place some time ago were planned by the US Administration and that the US employed their stooges in many third-world countries in order to execute their plans of aggression. And he pointed out that the US was planning to create difficulties in Syria with the help of the "Muslim Brotherhood", and stressed that it would be unable to do so.

Appeals for Building of New Society

In his speech delivered at a recent session of the People's Assembly, **Mozambican President Samora Moises Machel** noted that the institution of a new educational system in Mozambique was a process of developing the country. He pointed out that the new system was designed to clear education of the past elements which gave rise to the backwardness of tribal and feudal society, and of colonialist and capitalist elements as well.

Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre recently appealed to the people to make efforts to boost production. He said that they should dedicate their talents to social and economic development and exploit the resources of the country.

Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure spoke at a recent rally and scathingly denounced Western monopolies for brutally flaying the African continent. He emphasized that the all-round development of economic cooperation among African countries afforded a guarantee for liquidating the oppression of imperialist multinational companies.

In his speech delivered at a rally held recently **Nigerian President Alhaji Shehu Shagari** stressed that a decisive struggle for economic self-reliance was an essential requisite to the complete political independence of African countries. He said that it was important for these countries to train their own cadres necessary for economic construction.

In his appeal made recently on the National Youth Day, **Cameroonian President Ahmadou Ahidjo** called on the young people to devote themselves to promoting the welfare of the people, strengthening the economic independence of the country and carrying out the tasks of nation-building. He emphasized that the youth should uncompromisingly combat anti-social things and take the lead in the battle for national progress.

South Korean Puppets Are Unfit to Join in Non-Aligned Movement

These days the south Korean puppets vociferate about friendship and economic cooperation with newly-emerging nations, while intensifying their "operation to infiltrate into the third world" and redoubling their "efforts to approach non-aligned states."

Their diplomatic plan for this year reveals their intention to launch "allout diplomacy" to provide for the forthcoming Seventh Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned States.

Under this plan they will resort to "invitation diplomacy", "economic diplomacy" and "bribery diplomacy" On the other hand, they will dispatch their "special envoys" to many countries to explain their "stand" and strive to "strengthen ties" with the third world. It glaringly shows the traitor Chon Du Hwan's ulterior design to faithfully serve imperialists who try to worm their way into the non-aligned movement and put hurdles on its advancement. It also reveals his crafty and nefarious intention to extricate himself and his gang from total international isolation.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung said:

"The south Korean puppets are unable and unfit to join the third world."

Chon the traitor is a dyed-in-the-wool servitor of imperialism and manslaughterer with whom the third-world countries need not have any dealings.

He was reduced to an "agent" of US imperialism long ago. Taking advantage of the removal of the former dictator, he drenched the land of south Korea with the blood of the people and became the self-appointed president, brandishing the bayonet under the backstage manipulation of his master. This is well known to the world.

He is the most faithful hound to US imperialists. He has behaved indiscreetly against the people fighting for freedom, liberation and national dignity and against non-aligned countries striving for independence against imperialism.

The atrocity committed by him in the US war in Viet Nam serves as a typical example.

He showed his "loyalty" to American masters by herding out south Korean puppet troops to slaughter Vietnamese people at random.

In two operations alone which were named "Bat No. 25" and "Bat No. 26" he killed countless Vietnamese in cold blood.

For his "meritorious service" he was awarded an order by his masters. He still wears it as his greatest pride.

The puppet Chon stood head and shoulders above other puppets in committing all kinds of military and espionage acts against newly-emerging countries in accordance with the script written by US imperialists.

Partaking in US imperialist aggressions against the third-world countries, the south Korean puppets have offered a number of mercenaries to their masters.

A cogent proof of this is that south Korean puppet troops are participating in the operation of US imperialists and the fascist junta to put down the Salvadorian people's sacred struggle.

The south Korean "diplomats" in Iran, while engaging in an espionage mission assigned by the ousted US embassy, were caught red-handed and severely punished by the Iranian people.

Their outrages are on from long ago and in many parts of the world.

The successive south Korean puppets have resorted to every vicious manoeuvre against the righteous struggle of the people everywhere the imperialist tentacles of aggression are stretched out.

Whenever the Israeli aggressors triggered off a war against the Arab people, the south Korean puppets distorted the fact and sent pilots to help the aggressors and even tried

MIGHT OF UNITY

The great leader President Kim Il Sung said:

"Today the non-aligned movement plays an important role in the development of the world situation and the settlement of international problems and has become a strong driving force to advance human history in conformity with the independent aspirations and demands of the people the world over."

The non-aligned movement which embodies the lofty idea of anti-imperialism and independence has now grown into an organized independent political force that exercises a tremendous influence. It has a great say and plays an important role in the development of the world situation and the solution of international issues.

Whenever imperialists committed invasion and intervention, non-aligned countries, with concerted action, dealt a heavy blow at their policies of aggression and war and drove them into a tight corner at the UN and other international forums.

At the 28th Session of the UN General Assembly non-aligned and developing countries shattered all forms of obstructionist activities of imperialists, had a resolution adopted on the immediate dissolution of the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea", a tool of American imperialism for its aggression in Korea and its interference in her internal affairs. They thus frustrated the "two Koreas" plot of US imperialism and its south Korean clients.

This clearly shows how influential non-aligned countries are in the international arena.

The united efforts of non-aligned and developing countries forced the UN General Assembly to adopt resolutions at its 29th Session on recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legal representative of the Palestinian people and on depriving the South African racist regime of its rights to vote and voice. This was another demonstration of the united might of third-world, non-aligned countries.

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to dispatch "ground volunteers", declaring that "the Arab side was the first to unleash the war".

When Israel occupied some areas of Arab countries in the Fourth Middle East War, they extolled the aggressors to the skies, describing them as "heroes of desert."

Also while the Zimbabwean people carried on a sanguinary war against white racists, they gave active assistance to the racists, dispatching military advisers and having business transactions with them.

It is none other than the south Korean puppets who rendered political and military aid to US imperialists and the Somoza clique by sending mercenaries when the people's revolutionary struggle in Nicaragua was at its height.

How can they become "friends" of the third-world countries overnight?

As a crow cannot change into a white heron, so the south Korean puppets cannot be "friends" of the third-world countries nor can they be qualified to join in the non-aligned movement.

The people of newly-emerging countries always remember that the hands of the south Korean puppets are stained with their blood. They remember that the south Korean puppets used a hundred and one tricks to help imperialists in opposing them, though they were saddled with heavy debts amounting to millions and millions of dollars.

At every opportunity, including the Foreign Ministers' Conference of the Non-Aligned States held in 1975, they tried their hardest to sneak into this movement. But each time they were rejected resolutely by non-aligned countries.

This steadfast attitude of non-aligned nations remains unchanged.

Yun Yong Ok

They also played a great part in having the 30th UNGA Session pass resolutions on stigmatizing and denouncing Israeli expansionism as racism and on prohibiting the export of arms and oil to South African racists. Particularly, they succeeded in having the same session adopt a resolution on supporting the just and reasonable proposal of the DPRK for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. This broke the precedent at the UN which had long dealt with the Korean question unjustly under US imperialist manipulation. Through this the world witnessed clearly that a radical change had taken place in the balance of forces on the international arena decisively in favour of the anti-imperialist independent forces.

In mid-December last year the UN Security Council passed a resolution denouncing the Israeli expansionists' plot to annex the Golan Heights. This, too, reflects the ever-increasing influence of the non-aligned movement.

Outside the UN, also, non-aligned countries are dealing decisive blows at imperialists and colonialists with united efforts.

During the Fourth Middle East War, Arab and African nations struck severe blows at the Israeli invaders politically, militarily and diplomatically and took resolute measures to stop exporting oil to the imperialists who assisted the Zionists, thus plunging them into a serious economic crisis.

Imperialists were hard hit by non-aligned and developing countries in Latin America, too. A proof of this is provided by the fact that the summit conference of the Central American states adopted the "Panama Declaration" which strongly opposed the US imperialist occupation of the Panama Canal Zone and firmly supported the Panamanian people in their struggle to take back the Canal.

Faced with the ever-intensifying anti-imperialist struggle of non-aligned countries, imperialists find it hard to perpetrate acts of aggression and war against the world's people at will as they did in the past, and their notorious military bloc policy, too, is fizzling out. The CENTO and SEATO, aggressive military blocs formed by US imperialism, collapsed already, and imperialists are being knocked and driven out of all parts of the world.

Non-aligned and developing countries are also playing a significant role in the struggle to oppose imperialist exploitation and plunder and especially to replace the old international economic order with a new fair one.

Thanks to their initiative and active struggle the UN General Assembly at its Sixth Extraordinary Session adopted the "Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order" and the "Action Programme" in spite of the imperialist obstructionist moves; at its Seventh Extraordinary Session it passed the "Resolution on Development and Economic Cooperation."

At the UN Sea Law Conference also non-aligned nations exposed and smashed the imperialist scheme to plunder their marine resources. This proved to be another hard blow upon imperialists. Furthermore, non-aligned and developing countries formed a number of new organizations for international cooperation, including the Conference of Developing Countries on Raw Materials and the Summit Conference of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries' Organization, in order to confront imperialists at international forums in defence of their natural wealth.

Many non-aligned countries expelled imperialist monopolies or nationalized them and took various measures to protect their natural resources. As a result, the old international economic order, an imperialist lever by which to dominate, control, exploit and plunder non-aligned and developing countries as they wish, is disintegrating.

Today, thanks to the tremendous role non-aligned countries are playing on the international arena, the world's political situation is developing in favour of the demands and interests of the revolutionary people and imperialist tyranny is coming to an end.

All events that have occurred in the UN and other international forums emphatically prove that if non-aligned nations unite more firmly and wage a vigorous joint struggle under the banner of the non-aligned movement, they can crush the imperialist policies of aggression and war, free themselves from all types of domination and plunder and break up the old international economic order, and build a new world where the people are provided with independence.

Choe Si Guk

Great Contribution to Development of Non-Aligned Movement and Pool

7th Meeting of CC of News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries was held successfully at Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, from May 12 to 14.

The meeting was attended by 59 delegations and delegates of the member states on the Coordinating Committee of the Pool and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organizations.

Premier Li Jong Ok of the Administration Council and Vice-Premier Chong Jun Gi attended the opening session.

The meeting was declared open by Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Meeting and Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries.

Then Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency, who was leading its delegation, made an opening address.

At the meeting Premier Li Jong Ok made a congratulatory speech. In his speech, on behalf of the DPRK Government, he warmly welcomed delegates of news agencies of various countries and international organizations who are dedicated to information activities for the development of the non-aligned movement and the common cause of mankind, and expressed his hearty congratulations

to the meeting. He said that the Pool had firmly established its position as a force that speaks for the newly-emerging forces in the international information system and that its influence increased with each passing day. And he declared that the Government of the DPRK and the Korean people highly appreciated the achievements of the News Agencies Pool and strongly supported its activities. In the light of the present complicated and strained international situation, he stressed the necessity for the Pool to strictly uphold its non-aligned nature and adhere to the principles of individual and collective self-reliance in order to fulfil its honourable mission for the times and mankind.

Congratulatory speeches were also made by regional delegates and delegates of international organizations.

The meeting discussed the implementation of the action programme and decisions adopted at the 6th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee; the cooperation with the UNESCO and UN; the recommendations of the meeting of the group of experts held in New Delhi in February 1982 on information through arrangement of the Intergovernmental Council for Cooperation among the Non-aligned Countries in the Field of Information; the cooperation with the broadcasting organizations of non-aligned countries; the mission of regional news agencies; the date and venue of the Third General Conference of the Pool, etc.

The Chairman of the Coordinating Committee submitted a report on the implementation of the action programme and decisions adopted at the Sixth Meeting of the Coordinating Committee.

Forty delegates spoke at the general debate.

The meeting unanimously approved a proposal that the great leader President Kim Il Sung's speech, "For the Strengthening of Cooperation between the Non-aligned Countries in News Service", delivered at a banquet he had given in honour of the participants in the 7th Pool CC Meeting, be adopted as the most important document of the meeting.

The meeting unanimously adopted the final report on the 7th Pool CC Meeting and the resolutions.

On the improvement of the Pool work the final report pointed out:

"The improvement of the Pool's performance will be the best way to obtain a better mutual knowledge in all fields, especially that of socio-economic development, and to face the tendentious news spread by transnational agencies and information media on developing countries and liberation movements, and to struggle against colonial and neo-colonial dependence and unjust practices which continue characterizing the organization and the flow of news which remain in favour of the interests of developed countries."

The final report and resolutions made clear the specific tasks of establishing and strengthening national news agencies while at the same time substantially improving and expanding the casting and recasting Pool news; the means of increasing cooperation and interchange between the news agencies of non-aligned countries; and the tasks of actively contributing to the attainment of the objectives and idea of the non-aligned movement under the slogan of solidarity in press coverage.

At the closing meeting a letter of thanks to the great leader President Kim Il Sung was adopted amid the enthusiastic applause of the participants. Then there were speeches of regional delegates congratulating the successful meeting, and also a speech by Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency, head of its delegation.

Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Pool CC, declared the meeting closed.

The 7th Pool CC Meeting afforded an excellent opportunity for non-aligned countries to exchange achievements and experience in press coverage; it made an important contribution to the further development of the Pool and the expansion and strengthening of the non-aligned movement. This meeting also encouraged the people of non-aligned and developing countries in their struggle for the building of independent and creative new life against all forms of domination and subordination, and dealt a hard blow to imperialists who desperately attempt to keep the old international order in the field of press coverage.

Friendship and Solidarity Meeting

A friendship and solidarity meeting of men of the Korean press and foreign delegates to the 7th Pool CC Meeting was held on May 15 at the People's Palace of Culture.

Kim Gi Nam, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union and Editor-in-Chief of *Rodong Sinmun,* spoke first at the meeting. He noted that the 7th Pool CC Meeting held under the banner of friendship, cooperation and unity, marked an important occasion in further strengthening and developing the Pool to conform with the demands of developing realities and made a great contribution to establishing a new international information order and advancing the non-aligned movement. He said he was very much pleased with the great success of the Pyongyang Meeting and warmly congratulated it.

He stated that the news agencies of non-aligned countries had given great help to widely propagating to the world's people the just cause of the Korean people striving for socialist construction and the country's independent peaceful reunification and to cementing international solidarity between the Korean people and the world's progressive people.

Then, the floor was taken by the head of the delegation of the Prensa Latina of Cuba Gustavo Robreno Dolz, its Director General; the head of the delegation of the Ministry of Information of the Republic of Malta Paul Mifsud, Deputy Department Director of the Ministry; the delegate of the Anta News Agency of Madagascar Andriamanisa Samuelson, its Managing Director; and the delegate of Nepal's National News Agency Radhe Shyam Bista, its Chairman and General Manager.

The speakers pointed out that under the wise leadership of the great leader President Kim Il Sung and the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il, the Korean people had made a tremendous progress. They added that Pyongyang converted into a magnificent modernistic city, graphically symbolized the dedicated endeavours of the two leaders for the welfare of the people.

They stated that their peoples had unconditionally and invariably supported the sacred cause of the Korean people fighting for the country's independent peaceful

reunification and were now welcoming the most correct and reasonable proposal on the establishment of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

The meeting proceeded in an atmosphere overflowing with friendship and solidarity forged between journalists and men of the press of Korea and non-aligned countries in the common struggle to realize the idea of the non-aligned movement under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the working people of Pyongyang and foreign guests who had attended the 7th Pool CC Meeting was held at the Taesongsan Pleasure Park on May 16.

Addressing the meeting, Vice-Chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee Choe Un Bong warmly welcomed the foreign guests who were present there having achieved splendid successes at the 7th Pool CC Meeting held in Pyongyang. He expressed his conviction that this joint meeting would be a meaningful gathering for deepening the feeling of friendship among the participants in the joint meeting and increasing mutual trust among the people of non-aligned countries.

A performance was given by artists in Pyongyang. They put on the stage a colourful programme composed of choruses of "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and "Song of the Non-aligned Movement" and other choruses, vocal solos and dances which were warmly acclaimed by the foreign guests.

Foreign guests too mounted on the stage one after another to sing songs and recite poems they wrote.

The head of the APP delegation of Pakistan recited a poem "In Praise of President Kim Il Sung"; the delegate of the Guinean Radio and TV Broadcasting Station a poem "Glory to the Dear Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il the Lodestar"; a member of the Maltese Information Ministry delegation a poem "Juche Idea"; and a member of the Tanzanian Shihata News Agency a poem "The Great Country of Juche". Besides, foreign guests sang "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and "The Road on Lake Samji at Dawn" in Korean, winning a great admiration of the audience.

After the performance the Korean working people and foreign guests had sports games.

Meeting of Experts of Intergovernmental Information Coordination Committee of Non-Aligned Countries

A meeting of experts of the Intergovernmental Information Coordination Committee of Non-aligned Countries was held last February in New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by delegations of member states on the committee and delegates of the information organizations of Korea and many other non-aligned countries.

The meeting discussed items on the agenda and adopted relevant documents. It stressed that non-aligned countries must institute and strengthen their national means and systems of information and secure bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation in this field.

The meeting also pointed out that the countries must develop cooperation in the struggle to alter unequitable relations in global information activities and establish a new international information order.

Meeting of Health Experts of Non-Aligned Countries

Last March a meeting of health experts of non-aligned countries was held in Havana.

Present at the meeting were the Korean delegation and other delegations or delegates from 25 countries.

The participants reviewed the implementation of the decisions regarding health affairs, which had been adopted at the 6th Summit Conference of Non-aligned States and Governments. They also discussed some other problems and took appropriate steps.

The document adopted at the meeting carries specific proposals for perfecting medical service systems in non-aligned countries.

8th Meeting of Committee for Cooperation among Radio Agencies of Non-Aligned Countries

Last February the 8th Meeting of the Committee for Cooperation among the Radio Agencies of the Non-aligned Countries was held in Belgrade.

Present at the meeting were the Korean delegation and other delegations of the member states on the committee.

The meeting reviewed the work done by the committee since its 7th meeting, and discussed the orientation of its future work.

The meeting formed a group for drawing up a report concerning the committee's activities, which will be submitted to the forthcoming Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries. Also, the meeting discussed a problem of establishing a solidarity fund to help less developed countries to advance their radio and TV broadcasting.

The meeting organized a group of specialists in radio programmes, which is made up of Korea, Yugoslavia, Algeria, Cuba, Pakistan, Gambia and Malta. It also decided to hold in Cuba the 9th Meeting of the Committee for Cooperation among the Radio Agencies of the Non-aligned Countries.

Extraordinary Ministerial Conference of Coordinating Committee of Non-Aligned Countries on Palestinian Question

The Extraordinary Ministerial Conference of the Coordinating Committee of the Non-aligned Countries on the Palestinian Question was held at the capital of Kuwait early in April.

The conference was attended by His Highness Jaber Al-ahmed Al-jaber Al-sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait.

The conference took specific steps to support the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian Arab people.

The communique adopted at the conference held that a stable and overall peace in the Middle East could be achieved only when Israeli troops were completely and unconditionally pulled out of all the Arab land they occupied and the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian Arab people, which include those to self-determination and to found their own independent state, were guaranteed.

The communique scathingly denounced Israel for its policy of aggression and the attempt of Tel-Aviv to perpetuate their occupation of the Arab land. It pointed out that the US was directly to blame for the Israel's aggressive policy and expansionist policy towards Arab countries. And the communique demanded that the US desist from its political, economic and military assistance to Israel.

The communique affirmed its support for the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The communique appealed to non-aligned countries to make efforts to arouse the world public opinion in favour of the Palestinian cause.

Coordinating States in All Branches Hold 4th Meeting for Implementation of Action Programme of Non-Aligned Countries for Economic Cooperation

Recently the coordinating states in all branches held the 4th meeting for implementation of action programme of non-aligned countries for economic cooperation in Havana.

The meeting was attended by delegations or delegates from about 50 countries and 6 international organizations, including the DPRK. It considered the problem concerning the fight for the establishment of a fair international economic order, the battle against famine, and cooperation among developing countries in the spheres of industry, agriculture, science, technology, health and peaceful use of atomic energy.

The delegates discussed ways and means to counter the pressure of foreign capital and the plunderous activities of imperialist multinational companies, and took relevant measures.

The final act adopted at the meeting pointed out that non-aligned countries should staunchly struggle to set up equitable international economic relations.

Madagascar Struggles for Self-Sufficiency in Food

After independence, the Government of Madagascar proclaimed the Charter on Socialist Revolution and set the building of socialism as their goal. And they are vigorously arousing the people to attain this goal.

Under the correct leadership of President Didier Ratsiraka, the Government of Madagascar directs primary attention to shoring up agriculture, a major sector of the nation's economy.

As a result of agrarian reform the peasants have become masters of land and cooperatives and state farms have been set up. This affords favourable conditions for developing agriculture and attaining self-sufficiency in food.

The Malagasy people strive to increase grain production under the slogan "Let's produce, produce and produce". Last year, a "100,000-hectare battle", a huge nature-remaking project, was carried out to turn dry fields and newly reclaimed land into paddy-fields. To make this battle a success, explanatory and agitational activities were organized on a nationwide scale and a large number of machines such as trucks, excavators and bulldozers were mobilized, and different sections of people, including soldiers, took part in the battle.

The construction of reservoirs and canals is being accelerated. At the same time, a vigorous emulation drive for increased agricultural production is going on. Consequently, the output of rice and other cereals is increasing.

Madagascar has embarked on carrying out a plan for the development of the national economy (1982-1987).

One of the major goals of this plan is to attain self-sufficiency in food.

The Malagasy people's resolve to go independently along the road towards socialism will bear good fruit.

Southeast Asian Countries Strengthen Cooperation in Building New Society

Of late, Southeast Asian countries are developing economic and technical cooperation and interchange to build a new society.

Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand concluded an agreement on establishing an association of tin-producing nations. These three countries hold about 65 per cent of the world's tin output. With the establishment of the association they are now able to conduct a joint struggle against infringement on their interests.

The fourth international consultative meeting of the governments of jute-producing nations was held recently in Katmandu. The meeting was attended by delegates of Bangladesh, India, Thailand and Nepal.

The meeting discussed among other things the production, sale and shipment of jute, the development of new products and improvement of the quality of jute products. It adopted resolutions on increasing the production of jute and protecting the interests of the jute producers.

Meanwhile, the governments of the member nations of the ASEAN approved a plan of joint struggle to prevent their seas from pollution. To put this plan into effect, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines set up the fund amounting to 450,000 dollars. The Southeast Asian countries will strengthen their cooperation while carrying out the plan.

New Looks of Tanzanian Countryside

At the time of independence Tanzania's countryside was in a state of extreme backwardness resulting from imperialist and colonialist exploitation and plunder. But the Tanzanian people set out on the road of building a new life. Aware of the importance of the rural question, they have exerted great efforts to build up the countryside, thus transforming its looks.

Ninety per cent of Tanzania's population live in the countryside and agriculture is the mainstay of the nation's economy. Taking this into consideration the Government pays utmost attention to the development of the rural areas.

Thanks to correct governmental measures, material, technical and financial assistance for the countryside has been increased. The countryside is changing in every aspect as a result of the active support from the Government and the strenuous efforts of the peasants.

Since 1967 the building of "socialist villages" has been successfully carried out under the slogan of "Work and live in a collective!" and their number accounts for some 8,200 today. At present most of the peasants work and live in these villages.

In response to the call of the Government for solving the food problem on their own, vigorous efforts have been made to diversify agricultural production, so that rice, maize and other cereals are cultivated in a wide area where export crops such as cotton, tobacco and coffee were tended in former days.

Since the country embarked on the building of a new society, the investments have been increased for education and public health and progressive measures taken. The result is that there are primary schools in 91 per cent of the rural villages and clinics in 35 per cent of them. This offers opportunity of learning and medical care to the sons and daughters of the peasants, who had to lead uncivilized lives before.

They are building new dwelling houses, setting up a service-water system and drawing electricity into the countryside.

Tanzanian peasants work and live visualizing their bright morrow in the ever-changing countryside. They will build up their countryside into a better place to live in.

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Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool

The Non-aligned News Agencies Pool was constituted at the Conference of Ministers of Information and Heads of News Agencies of the Non-aligned Countries held in New Delhi in July 1976.

It was founded upon the resolutions and recommendations adopted at the Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries held in Algiers in September 1973, the foreign ministers' conference of those countries in Lima in August 1975 and their symposium on information held in Tunis in March 1976.

It is one of the cooperative organizations of non-aligned countries.

The objective of this organization is to exchange information freely among non-aligned countries in conformity with the ideal of the non-aligned movement, disseminate to the world the news of their people and their aspirations and struggle for a new life, oppose imperialist monopolies in mass communication and establish a new international information order.

News agencies or other information media of 70 countries were affiliated to the Pool as of the end of 1981.

According to its statute, the Pool calls a plenary meeting every three years. Its coordinating committee meets once a year, or more than once, where necessary, between two plenary meetings. The committee is elected at the plenary meeting every three years. The Korean Central News Agency was elected to the committee at the second plenary meeting held in Belgrade in November 1979.

The coordinating committee discusses implementation of the Pool's objectives, statute, decisions and recommendations adopted at the meetings and matters raised by member states.

The 6th meeting of the coordinating committee held in New Delhi in February 1981 decided to call its 7th meeting in Pyongyang.

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